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**Message Series:** Who We Are In Christ

**Today's Message:** The Walk of ... Marriage

## 1. The Walk In The \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:18 "... *but be filled with the Spirit.*"

"Be filled" - "be \_\_\_\_\_ being filled" must become real or there is no power to change

**Truths:** 1. This is not something we do—but rather a willing \_\_\_\_\_ - something we allow to be done in us!

2. The Spirit then brings a \_\_\_\_\_ into us, the Spirit of humility, putting others joy above our own.

**Oswald Chambers** "How God uses the broken-hearted—uses exactly those broken pieces for His glory—when we give Him all the pieces."

## 2. The Walk of \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:21 "... *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*"

Ephesians 4:1 "*I... urge you to walk in a worthy manner... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.*"

- "So what do you do? You do the acts of love, despite your lack of feeling... in your \_\_\_\_\_ you must be tender, understanding, forgiving... And if you do that... you will become more constant in your feelings. That is what can happen if you decide to love." ~Tim Keller (The Meaning of Marriage)

**All Too Often:** Selfishness rules instead of \_\_\_\_\_; lust has replaced love...

**Reality:** For a marriage to function well requires both authority and submission—controlled by love and mutual submission.

Ephesians 5:22 "... *wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.*"

**In Physical Role:** 1 Corinthians 7:3, 4 "*Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.*"

### So 2 Keys:

- \* All believers are spiritual equals in every sense—Galatians 3:28 "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*"

**Before The Fall:** No selfishness, no self-will—Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful satisfaction of a perfect marriage.

Genesis 3:16 "*Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.*"

"Desire" - Arabic root—to compel, to urge, or seek control over: The curse—woman's desire to control

and man's to resist that and rule over her.

**"Rule"** - a despotic authoritarianism