

Faith Church - EFCA

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5. FAMILY - We believe in the importance of a healthy biblical family and supporting parents in their responsibility for the spiritual health of their children.

What is a healthy God-honoring marriage?

A healthy God-honoring marriage involves a man and a woman, not two men or two women.

because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. Romans 1:25–27 (ESV)

A healthy God-honoring marriage involves a marriage, not just living together.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

A healthy God-honoring marriage involves a husband and wife that understand their God-given roles.

A husband and wife are of equal importance and value before God.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

A husband and wife play different roles in marriage.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:31–32 (ESV)

God-given marital roles are not arbitrary or reversible.

Sin twisted marital roles.

Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

A wife’s marital role is to submit and support her husband, just as the church submits to Christ.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Ephesians 5:22–24 (ESV)

A husband’s marital role is to love and sacrifice his life for his wife, like Christ loved the church.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. Ephesians 5:25–30 (ESV)

Faith encourages healthy biblical marriages.

How can parents foster the spiritual life of their children?

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (ESV) And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

1. Get a plan.
2. Find one big idea when teaching your kids a Bible story.
3. Model repentance and humility.
4. Pray...
 - with them
 - for them
 - over them

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**What makes
Faith Church unique?**

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