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Scriptures To Reflect On

Notes:

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Who being in very nature God,did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,but made himself nothing,taking the very nature of servant,being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man,he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:5-8)

"If anyone wishes to follow me, let him first deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

"He must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." (Hebrews 13:17)

"Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God this is your spiritual act of worship." (Romans 12:1)

"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission." (Hebrews 5:7)

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6)

Inward Submission: aligning my will to the will of the Father, and surrendering my desires to the desires of the Father.

Outward Submission: practicing the mindset of Jesus in my relationships and social network.

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Discussion Questions:	Notes:
1. What is your reaction to the word submission?	
2. What submitting experiences have you had?	
3. Who is an example of someone who knows how to practice	
healthy, biblical submission? How has his or her life influenced you?	
4. Do you have to have a submissive temperament? Why or why	
not? 5. What does it look like for a looder, on activist or an achiever to be	
5. What does it look like for a leader, an activist or an achiever to be submissive?	
6. If you have questions about the biblical concept of submission,	
how might you educate yourself on the topic?	
"Make me a captive, Lord,	
And then I shall be free;	
Force me to render up my sword,	
And I shall conqueror be.	
I sink in life's alarms	
When by myself I stand;	
Imprison me within Thine arms,	
And strong shall be my hand." "Make Me a Captive, Lord", George Matheson.	
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"The three words are these—ACCEPT THE PERSON. Accept	
the person. Accept them for what they are. Secondly, LISTEN TO	
THEM. Listen to them. And then thirdly, UNDERSTAND THEM.	
Accept, listen and understand. All of these things are matters which,	
to put it very simply, people just die for someone to accept them, to	
listen to them, to understand them and everyone else is so busy want-	
ing others to accept them and listen to them and understand them	
that no one gets accepted, listened to and understood.	
You have to be willing to step forward and break the circle and you	
can do that in your faith that God accepts you, listens to you and	
understands you. I am putting it as very simply as I can because I think it is so important and I really want you to hang on to this. In	
your fellowship and in your submission, go at it with the attitude of	
acceptance of the person for what they are. Do not throw them away.	
Do not condemn them. Don't start thinking in terms of how wonder-	
ful it would be if they were something else. It would be wonderful if	
they were something else probably. Just don't allow yourself to go at	
them in that attitude. Accept them for what they are—and then listen	
to them—really listen to them. Don't assume you already know.	
Listen."	
From Dallas Willard, Fellowship and Submission	