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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Covenant: A Personal Perspective" August 2019

This quarter will teach how Jesus fulfilled the law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the gospel and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message.

Unit III, "Covenant: A Personal Perspective," has four sessions. It focuses on personal relationships between people in 1 Samuel, Ruth, and Ephesians. Ultimately, those relationships pave the way for the Messiah. After Christ established the New Testament church, relationships between people have been based on relationship with Christ Jesus. These relationships continue the work of Christ Jesus by spreading the gospel message.

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SUNDAYSCHOOL

August 25, 2019 "Family Commitment" Ephesians 5:21-33

Unifying Principle

In an ever-changing and increasingly complex society, the focus on self-indulgence has endangered a healthy concept of family. How do we make commitment to God and family central to our well-being? Paul says a committed relationship must be sought in which husbands, wives, and children love, honor, and respect both God and one another.

Goals for the Learners

- To summarize the relationship Paul describes as proper between a husband and wife.
- To appreciate the holy relationship that exists between a husband and wife, which transcends the physical, emotional, and psychological dimensions, and touches the spiritual.
- To cultivate a climate within the church where marriages can flourish and display the holiness described in this text.

Challenges for the Week

- How have roles in marriage changed (women working outside the home and stay-at-home dads, for example) and how these changes affect the relationships?
- Read Mark 10:42-45; John 13:3-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 7:3-4. How do these passages apply to relationships in marriage? Based on these passages, how should we read the commandment for wives to "be subject" to their husbands? What should husbands do with respect to this verse?
- Compare and contrast the instructions to husbands and the instructions to wives.



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically.