

Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church
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Series: “*Living the Adventure*”

Topic: “*Intimate Allies*”

Text: Ephesians 5:21-33

1. **Mutual submission** as servants or bond slaves to **Christ**
2. Constantly **filled** with the Spirit in order to be loving **servants**
3. Marriage is designed to make us **holy** more than to make us **happy**
4. Marriage is an opportunity to...
 - a) **Draw near** to Christ
 - b) **Excel in love**
5. From **holy spouse** to a **holy couple**
6. The big question... “*How can I **serve my mate**”?*

7. From **manipulation** to **ministry**...

- a) Know that your deepest needs for **security** (love) and **significance** (impact) can only be fully met in Christ
- b) A decision to **minister to** (or help or serve) your spouse
- c) An **awareness** of your spouse’s **deepest needs** (which should be **communicated** and **clarified**)
- d) A **conviction** that you are God’s chosen **instrument** to **minister** to your spouse

- Matthew 20:26-28

8. The defining question...

*“HOW WOULD I LIKE TO
BE MARRIED TO ME?”*