



Power Devotion for Marriage

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Husbands, love your wives, just as
Christ loved the church and gave himself
up for her. Ephesians 5:25

More than ten years ago, my dear friend, Connie, found herself sitting across the kitchen table from her husband of more than 25 years. He had just told her that he didn't love her any longer and that he felt that they should divorce.

She was devastated.

She asked her husband not to leave and began to pray with fervor, a specific passage of scripture: Ephesians 5:25. Each morning she brought her husband in prayer before the Throne of God and prayed aloud a simple yet powerful prayer.

"Lord, let my husband love me like Christ loves the church."

She prayed this passage often and with full conviction that God would hear her and honor her desire for restoration of her marriage. She also prayed:

"Lord, show me how to love my husband like Christ loves the church."

Over time, their love rekindled. Connie's husband said to her, "I tried to stop loving you but I just couldn't. I love you more now, than ever." Today they enjoy a vibrant, love-filled marriage. Connie will tell you that *God's Word, spoken aloud and in prayer is more powerful than we can comprehend.* She will also tell you to *never give up and always, always pray for your spouse.*

Prayer: Lord, let (insert your spouse's name) love me like Christ loves the church and Father, help me to love him/her as Christ loves the church. In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen.

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