

IF YOU LOVE ME

"If you love me, why do I have to beg you to lose weight?" I overheard as I passed by. A husband to a wife, Christ to the Church. Why would Christ, the head of the Church, have to beg it to obey Him, to love Him so much that it would gladly submit and do whatever He required?

Christ tells us to deny ourselves. How can a husband require his wife to deny herself, when he is not denying himself? Phil.2:5 is the attitude we should have in us, the same as Christ had in Himself. We have no right to expect submission out of anyone if we are not submissive. A husband cannot force his wife to love him when Christ, the Head of the husband, does not force him to love Him. Christ only says, "If you do love me, you will obey me," and He can say this because it is a fact. How can a wife receive grace through a husband who does not love his Head and therefore cannot obey Him? The wife is cut off from any desire in her heart to please her husband, for this grace comes from above. Her husband is a vessel by which she receives grace. Any husband who expects a wife to be obedient from her heart to her head, who is not obedient from his heart to his Head, expects the impossible.

The only solution to this impossible situation is for the husband to repent with all his heart and love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Then and only then can he love his wife and expect anything else. For this is the Word of God. Whoever does not tremble at God's Word has no part in Him in the least.

So repent and turn to the Lord, for the Lord is as close to you as your heart and your mouth. Don't be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.