

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

---

---

---

---

---

---

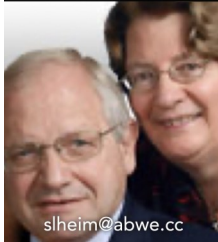
---

---

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**



**Sandra Heim - Peru**

1. PRAISE - Our Roots of Faith seminar was held and was a big success! We had over 120 participants including several from Latin American countries.
2. PRAY - Peru has instituted a strict lockdown/quarantine. We are not allowed to even drive cars without a special permit for people with “essential activities.” A high percentage of Peruvians do not have income for even basic necessities.
3. PRAY - The Seminary ministry is now completely online. I teach via video conference and the students send in assignments as e-mail attachments. We now utilize Whatsapp, Zoom, etc. to complete our work. Please pray as we learn to transition to these new ways of doing things!

slheim@abwe.cc

## GROWTH GUIDE



Handout: 11/01/20  
Study: 11/08/20

### Stronger Together In Humility

God’s grace comes, not just as a ticket to heaven, but as a way to make all things new. That certainly includes forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a righteous standing before God, who has become our heavenly Father. But God’s grace also changes our personal relationships, and Paul details three of those relationships toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians: marriage, parent and child, and bond-servant and master.

As a church, we submit to others. We won’t fully understand or appreciate God’s commands regarding submission in marriage, to our parents or to authorities until we understand the truth that as believers, we submit in humility to everyone, out of reverence for Christ, who submitted Himself to the point of death on a cross.

The million-dollar question that’s always asked when these passages are discussed is: What is “submission?” What does that mean; what does that look like in my life?

To submit means recognizing that I am not my own. If we belong to Christ, we belong to the body, which means my life is not simply lived for own sake, but for the sake of others. I have a role to play, and it does not revolve around me, but around the Lord and other people.

We follow our Savior’s lead, realizing that we work for others, not the other way around. That character trait must be understood before it is applied to specific situations.

I know I struggle with making everything in my life about me. It’s very subtle, because it plays out in how I spend my time, how much time I spend talking to others, and what I expect out of other people. I can be extraordinarily selfish. And if that doesn’t get killed by God’s grace, it will ruin my marriage. So, by God’s grace, I seek to kill that so that I can love my wife in a Christlike way that will honor God and sanctify us.

If I expect my wife to submit to me, I ought to be a man worthy of that trust and submission. See the beautiful picture Paul describes: A man loves his wife more than he loves himself. He sacrifices daily to meet her needs and lead her closer to Christ. The wife lovingly trusts her husband and allows him to lead her and seeks to help him fulfill God’s plan for their lives. This is a wonderful picture of the gospel.

Christ lovingly humbles Himself, serves us, meets our need of forgiveness and salvation, and now calls us to humbly and lovingly submit to Him, listening to Him, following His lead as we live lives that glorify Him. Marriage is a picture of the gospel. Believe the gospel, let it sink into the depths of your heart, and let your marriage be changed by it.

Source: “The Grace of God Changes Our Marriages” by Neal Embry

## KEY VERSE

Ephesians 5:21 (NKJV)

*submitting to one another in the fear of God*

---

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Ephesians 5:21-6:9**

### Introduction

1. If you were describing to a non-Christian friend how your relationship with God changed the relationships in your life, what would you say?
2. Which of the instructions in today's readings is most difficult for you to hear and obey? Why?

**Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 2:1-11; Romans 12:10**

### Humility Between Church Family

3. How do you define humility?
4. How does humility in our church family promote unity? How can pride injure our unity?

**Wednesday: Ephesians 5:22-33**

### Humility Between Husbands And Wives

5. How does the relationship between Christ and the church shape the way that husbands and wives are to relate?
6. Based on today's reading, how should a wife relate to her husband? How should a husband relate to his wife? What are some things that make this challenging?

**Thursday: Ephesians 6:1-4; Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 22:6**

### Humility Between Parents And Children

7. How has Christ transformed your relationship with your parents?
8. If you have children, how has Christ transformed your relationship with them?
9. What are some challenges you face as either a parent or child? How can humility help?

**Friday: Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:23-24; Colossians 4:1**

### Humility Between Employers And Employees

10. What instructions does today's readings offer to Christian employees? How are they to serve their employers?
11. What instructions does today's readings offer to employers? What is required of Christian employers and why?
12. List some relationships where you need to show greater humility. What steps can you take toward humility this week?