

# I AM Complete

*Jesus is My CEO*

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Colossians 1:18 (NIV84)

*<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

Ephesians 5:23–31 (NIV84)

*<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”*

## **Pictures of Headship:**

- 1. First, beginning and prominent**
- 2. Origin**
- 3. Exalted Lord**
- 4. The First born from among the dead**

How I function in my marriage (if married) is a clear indicator of whether I understand the Headship of Jesus and live according to his principles.

1. The principle of honor must be present at all times
  - a. The Husband must submit to Christ and sacrifice for his wife, that she may be everything Christ wants her to be.
  - b. The Wife must submit to her husband (through Christ), that he may be everything Christ wants him to be.
2. The principle of affirmation and nurture form and shape us.

a. When we worship the Lord, we are affirming what the scriptures tell us about him. Continual worship affirms who He is, but also forms the reality of his life in us.

b. Jesus uses his words to nurture and cleanse the church. We are changed by the continual exposure of our will to His Words. Our trust and consequential obedience change us into His likeness. We grow up into Him.

3. The principle of connectedness keeps intimacy and fruitfulness alive

*John 15:4 (NIV84) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

Talk about it:

1. If you are married, talk to your spouse over your favorite dessert about what nurtures you the most from their life, then ask them how you can return the favor.
2. Look at the content of what you have read in the Bible most recently. How has Jesus been affirming, nurturing, or cleansing you with it?
3. Assuming you have walked with Christ for a time, what differences do you notice in your motivation to obey Him when you are “abiding” in Him closely versus when you are feeling distant?

## NOTES:

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### Church Announcements:

1. **The Living Passover Production**. Show times are March 25-31. Get your tickets at [www.thelivingpassover.com](http://www.thelivingpassover.com) or call (757) 785-4857. Interested in helping out, contact Jena Wells at [jwells@thelivingpassover.com](mailto:jwells@thelivingpassover.com).
2. **EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018**. Services are 8 AM Early Service and 10 AM service. Let us rejoice together as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
3. **Attack Lambs Seminar, April 21&22**. A prayer mobilizing strategy used around the world that teaches Believers to carry the Kingdom “*every place your foot shall tread.*” Come be a part of this training on Saturday, April 21 from 9AM – 3PM and Sunday, April 22.