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

Husbands have a tremendous God-given responsibility. They are to pastor, protect, provide, and lead their family. As wives we should do all we can to help them do this successfully.

David Guzik – "Age does not automatically sanctify us. Unless yielded to the Spirit of God, we will repeat in our old age the sinful patterns of our youth."

Ultimately, God is our protector. **Jehovah-Nissi**, **the LORD my Banner.**

D.L. Moody "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God's help, I aim to be that man."

Walking in boldness and faith is something we learn to do.

Rick Warren, "If I thank God in advance, before he answers my prayer, that's faith."

Mark Batterson, "Are you following Jesus? Or have you simply invited Jesus to follow you?"

2 Timothy 2:13 "if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself."

Gracious- merciful, it is the inclination of God's heart, his character is to be gracious & forgiving.

El Roi-The God who sees me.

El Olam- The Eternal God, The Everlasting God

Hebrew 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Personal reflection.

- 1. What fear do you need to put to rest today?
- 2. Are you grieving some aspect of your distant relationship with a grown son or daughter?
- 3. What is your relationship with your neighbors? Do they know God loves you?

Luke 10:29-37 "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This is our assignment today.

- 1. Lay down fear and walk in truth.
- 2. Lead by example of faith in God.
- 3. Allow love to be our motivation.

