Sermon Notes: Colossians 3:19 February 18, 2018

**Husbands Love Your Wives**

Husbands loving their wives is God’s design and requires his grace

**4 Obvious / Not Obvious Questions**

1. Why is it here?

 God’s design for marriage was not apparent to the Colossians or in our modern times

Genesis 1:26-2:25

Ephesians 5:22-25

1. Don’t I already love my wife?

 God’s design for love is characterized by a willing forfeiture of rights on her behalf

5 Things Men Are Called to in Scripture:

* love their wives. Col 3:19, Eph 5:25,29,33
* nourish them Eph 5:29
* cherish them Eph 5:29
* live with them in an understanding way 1 Pet 3:7
* not be harsh with them Col 3:19
1. Why would I be harsh with her?

 Our sin and hers tempts us to fall into bitterness.

 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

 *Bitterness is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.*

1. How could I possibly love to this standard?

 Alone you can’t but by God’s grace you can grow in this day by day.