

“Married People”

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (New International Version)

Truth Point: A godly marriage makes for a healthy family, a vibrant church, and a positive community.

GOD HAS A VISION FOR ALL MARRIAGES.

- A godly marriage is for one man and one woman – for life.

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female, ⁵and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’ ⁶So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV)

- God’s vision is to fill the earth with His image-bearers.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

- Marriage is at the core of the family, and the family is the primary center of discipleship - to impress the hearts of children with a love for God.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)

- Marriage is not only for happiness, but also for holiness – to be made more Christ-like.

*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his **image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) [bold, mine]*

- Marriage and the family are the primary engines of world evangelization through the power of multigenerational faithfulness.

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. Deuteronomy 32:7 (NIV)

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Malachi 4:6a (NIV)

- Marriage is a picture of Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:31-32

Imagine if...

GOD HAS A VISION FOR MARRIAGE AT LIGHTHOUSE

- We want couples to connect in a real way, in the ways God intended for them to connect.
- Our goal is to help couples become the best US!

Marriage Ministry Leaders: Everett and Kim Kvamme

Four Core Habits

- **Love God First**

Jesus replied, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Bottom Line: Developing a love affair with God will greatly impact one’s married life.

- **Respect and Love**

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

Bottom Line: While men need love from their wives, and wives need respect from their husbands, the primary desire of a man is to be unconditionally respected while the primary desire of woman is to be unconditionally loved.

- **Have Serious Fun**

Song of Solomon

...and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth...may you ever be intoxicated with her love.
Proverbs 5:18-19 (NIV)

Bottom Line: We believe having fun as a couple is not just something extra. It’s essential, in fact, we believe the best way to protect your marriage is to enjoy it.

- **Practice Your Promise**

“...to love and to hold, in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, for richer and for poorer, being faithful all the days of our lives...” (From traditional wedding vows)

Bottom line: We made a big promise when we said, “I Do”. Our spouses trusted that we would do what we promised to do: to love each other and to stay together no matter what. Making –and being able to reply on – that commitment is absolutely essential to every marriage.

Application

- Marriage Class (“A Grace-Filled Marriage”) – September 18th
- Live Large Group Event – October 21st (Insert)
- Date Night – November 18th
- Pick one of the 4 Core Habits
- Mentoring
- Prayer

Be “All-In” for Marriages!