

‘Marriage on the Rock’

WELCOME

Four Basic Needs

- **Acceptance**
- **Identity**
- **Security**
- **Purpose**

Look at these Sources

1. Yourself
2. Spouses
3. Friends
4. Children
5. Careers/Work
6. Church
7. Parents
8. God
9. Money/material possessions
10. A combination of two or more of the above

Only God

1. 'God-shaped' hole

Jeremiah 17:7-8

2. 1st priority in our life, God

Two Foundational Laws of Marriage

1. Priority

- **Genesis 2:24-25**
 - **Demonstrated Four Ways**
 1. **Sacrifice**
 2. **Time**
 3. **Energy**
 4. **Attitude**

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2. Pursuit

- Pursue our spouse everyday.
 - Work at it.
- We violate this principle for many reasons, but 2 of the primary reasons are:
1. We get lazy
 2. We have misconceptions about marriage
 - Right person all will fall into place
 - If my feelings have changed, I've married the wrong person

Two Foundational Laws of Marriage

**Positive events and experiences should fuel
our marriage and our emotions.**

Discussion Questions

- 1) What other priorities are threatening to take the place of our marriage?
- 2) In which of the following four areas = sacrifice, time, energy and attitude am I doing the best at showing you how important our marriage is to me? In what areas can I do better?
- 3) How would you like me to pursue you in love?
- 4) What can you do to develop more positive feelings about me? What can I do?

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Possession and Purity

Genesis 2:18 – 25

Luke 14:33 This law mirrors our relationship with Jesus.

He desires one heart/one home/one family and everything you own, to be shared in common.

Three critical ways we violate this law.

1. Dominance
2. Independence
3. Protectiveness

Four Truths about Possession

1. Sharing possessions communicates that you value your spouse.
2. Sharing prevents jealousy
3. Sharing enables intimacy
4. Sharing creates an atmosphere of ‘interdependence’.

Law of Purity

Genesis 2:25

God's perfect will was for Adam and Eve to remain naked. What happened?

This transparency was designed to include our body, soul and spirit.

Three Truths that Prevent Intimacy and Purity

- Our differences can not be safely expressed were sin is present.
- Sin damages and often destroys the atmosphere necessary to foster intimacy.
- The sensitive areas of our lives can not be safely exposed when sin is present.

Seven Steps to Purity in Marriage

1. Take responsibility for your own behavior
2. Do not return sin for sin
3. Admit your faults (I John 1:9)
4. Forgive
5. Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25-27)
6. Pray for each other
7. Seek righteous fellowship

Discussion Questions

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1. What has worked for us when we have tried to be less selfish in the past?
2. When I feel hurt the differences and sensitivities I try to cover up are_____.

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Meeting your Husbands Needs

Four Kinds of Destructive Husbands

1. **Dominant:** domination can be physical, emotional or spiritual.

» **Biblical example: Rheobam**

1 Kings 12:4, 10-11

» **A servants heart is the most important quality for leadership.**

» **Dominant husbands do not have servant hearts,
Husbands make choices based on pride or humility**

2. **Passive**

» **Biblical example: Ahab (husband of Jezebel)**

Vineyard story

» **Passive husbands destroy the sense of security that is crucial for women**

» **Women want leadership, not passivity.**

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3. Immoral husband

» Biblical example: King David

II Samuel 11: 1-3

Pornography = \$13 Billion industry

Sexual addiction is rampant in America

4. Distracted husband

King Solomon

I Kings 11: 4-11 “He turned after other gods.” “His heart was not fully devoted to God.”

» Solomon was distracted by the business and pursuits of life.

» First priority for a husband = give himself to his family, not only his paycheck.

Five Steps to Restore Right Relationships

1. You must take responsibility for your own behavior
2. Specifically identify the problem.
3. Repent
4. Forgive your parents
5. Break the iniquity over your own family

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Four Critical Needs of Husbands

1. Honor/Respect
2. Sex
3. Kindred Fellowship = Friendship
4. Domestic Support

Discussion Questions

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- 1. What are some of the most notable differences between us? Which of these create challenges and which of these strengthen our marriage?**
- 2. Wives: What do you admire about your husband?**
- 3. Would you say that we have sex too often, too rarely, or just enough?**
- 4. What activities did the two of you enjoy when you were dating?**
- 5. Husbands: In what shared activities do you enjoy your wife's company? What additional activities; if any, would you like your wife to begin sharing with you?**