



THE POINT: Great marriages are a submission competition.

We continue our series, Focus on Five, this week. It is a marriage series, based on the book *From This Day Forward* by Craig and Amy Groeschel, where we are looking at the five commitments necessary for any successful marriage.

The first commitment we explored last week was to Seek God. The second commitment is to Fight Fair. This week we'll be looking at the third commitment: **Have fun.**

To have fun, we must first learn to serve one another. You read correctly. The foundation of fun in your marriage is to serve. Husbands, make it your passion to serve your wife. Wives, find your joy in serving your husband. Asking this simple question, "What can I do to serve you?" will transform your marriage and will lead to fun, adventure, and romance!

And if you make this commitment, along with the other four we'll discuss, you will be able to shield your marriage from the spiritual enemy who seeks to destroy what God has joined together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and discuss **Ephesians 5:21-28**. How does your marriage compare to the spirit-guided relationship that Paul describes as the ideal relationship between husbands and wives? How does a relationship like this become a foundation to have fun?
2. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
3. Do a reality check: How would you evaluate the level of serving one another in your marriage? How would you evaluate the level of fun in your marriage? Can you see a connection?
4. What are some of the things you most enjoy doing together in your marriage? Do these hobbies have any connection to serving each other or working as a team?
5. What are some of the things that first attracted you to your spouse? How many of these involved serving or submitting to one another?
6. What is one of the most fun experiences from your marriage? What is an experience that is most memorable of your spouse serving or submitting to you? What impact did these experiences have on your marriage?

ACTION STEPS

- If you have not already, take the FOCUS ON 5 Assessment for Married Couples and discuss the results together.
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- Find opportunities to have a submission competition while having fun:
 - Spend time face-to-face complementing and building each other.
 - Spend time together doing what you each enjoy most.
 - Discuss and implement ways that you both enjoy intimacy.
 - Share with your spouse the top five things you love most about them.
- As a couple, do the FOCUS ON 5 **Week 3 Devotional** for Married Couples.