### MARRIAGE: THE EVERCHANGING ADVENTURE!

Calvary Chapel – Hudson Valley Marriage Bible Study 2020-2021











# DECEMBER FOCUS: Finding the Key (Part 1)



#### EMBRACE THE ADVENTURE!

### The Male-Female Relationship in Marriage.

\*Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7; 18-25

Our differences are God's design.

We stand as equals before God.

We complete one another (Hebrew: ezer kenegedo).

### The Adventure of Marriage has Unique Potential.

\*Ephesians 5; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

To show us the truth of who we really are.

To redeem our past and heal our self-image through love.

To show us the grace of what God did for us in Jesus Christ.

### Some Valuable Tools.

\*Ephesians 2:4-10

Be joyful, recognizing that we are each God's workmanship.

\*Philippians 1:27

Stand fast in one spirit, striving together.

\*James 1:19

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry.

\*Ephesians 4

Speak the truth in love with the power of God's grace.

\*1 Peter 4:7-11

Have fervent love for one another.

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THE KEY: <u>discover</u> how Scripture describes God's heart and <u>learn</u> what it means to be a husband, what it means to be a wife.

### Practice Ephesians 5 on a daily basis.

Walk in love, be imitators of God as dear children.

Walk as children of light, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time.

Husbands, let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### For Husbands: Understand the Deepest Needs of Your Wife.

She needs God. Pray for her. \*Philippians 1:3-6

She needs to connect. She wants you to be close.

\*Genesis 2:24 \*Deuteronomy 24:5 \*Luke 6:31,37-38 \*1 Corinthians 11:11-12

### Practical Tips.

Set a positive tone each day.

Connect on a personal level – look at her face to face.

Keep the right balance: involvement vs. independence.

Being close costs nothing – but your time and love.

Remember the golden rule.

### For Wives: Understand the Deepest Needs of Your Husband.

He needs God. Pray for him. \*Philippians 1:3-6

He needs unconditional respect. Appreciate his desire to work and achieve.

\*Genesis 2:8-15,18 \*Proverbs 12:4 \*Proverbs 18:22 \*1 Corinthians 11:8-9 \*Luke 6:31

### Practical Tips.

Understand that a husband values respect more than love.

Recognize his God-given call and the importance he puts on his work.

Express interest and thank him for working.

Believe in him.

Remember the golden rule.

