MARRIAGE: THE EVERCHANGING ADVENTURE! Calvary Chapel - Hudson Valley Marriage Bible Study 2020-2021



JANUARY FOCUS: Finding the Key (Part 2)

A BRIEF RECAP ... 😊

FINDING THE KEY (Part 1)

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, walk as children of light, and walk circumspectly. 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.

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

*Genesis 2:24; *Deuteronomy 24:5; *Philippians 1:3-6; *Luke 6:31, 37-38.

For Wives: Understand the Deepest Needs of Your Husband.

He needs God. Pray for him.

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

*Genesis 2:8-15,18; *Philippians 1:3-6; *Luke 6:31, 37-38.



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Remember the Golden Rule.

Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. *Luke 6:31; 37-38.

For Husbands: Understand the Deepest Needs of Your Wife.

She needs you to open up to her.

Remember: Women are expressive-responsive; Men are compartmentalized.

Love your wife and trust her deepest heart.

Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

*Proverbs 31:11; *John 14:17, 26; *Romans 8:1, 5-6; *Colossians 3:19.

She needs you to live with her in an understanding way.

Be sure to listen.

Caution: trying to fix instead of listen can cause conflict.

Set aside time to talk with your wife.

Peace-making is huge.

*1 Peter 3:7-12.

For Wives: Understand the Deepest Needs of Your Husband.

He needs you to appreciate his desire to protect and provide.

Understand the biblical definition of hierarchy: hupotasso.

The right word at the right time can make all the difference.

Caution: husbands are more vulnerable to criticism related to headship issues. *Nehemiah 4:14; *Ephesians 5:22-24; *1 Timothy 5:8.

He needs you to appreciate his desire for shoulder-to-shoulder friendship.

Remember: men share their experiences by sharing an activity.

Show *phileo* love – be friendly.

Make the effort to just be with him, with less talking.

Spend time together, stay together.

Respect his friendships with his male friends.

*Genesis 2:18; Song of Solomon 5:16; Titus 2:3-5.

