

BIBLICAL SEXUALITY
JourneyMen, March 20, 2013
PART III: SEXUALITY AND MARITAL DYNAMICS
Session 8: "Breaking the Cycle of Isolation"

REVIEW

For women, sex is first _____, then _____ and finally spiritual.

For men, sex is first _____, then _____ and finally spiritual.

The cycle of isolation occurs when wives withhold _____ intimacy for emotional intimacy and husbands withhold _____ intimacy for physical intimacy.

PEOPLE WHO MARRY (JEREMIAH 2:13)

A. Man is _____.

B. Man is _____.

PICTURES OF MARRIAGE



IDOLATRY	ISOLATION	INTIMACY
SELF PROMOTION	SELF PROTECTION	OTHER CENTERED
Conditional _____		_____ Giving
_____ -Centered		_____ -Centered
Problems result because my spouse fails to meet my needs.		Problems result because I fail to trust God with my needs.
Solution is to change my _____.		Solution is to change my _____.
My spouse is responsible for my bad behavior.		I am responsible for my bad behavior.
Assumes we _____ enough for each other.		Assumes we could _____ enough for each other.

SAVE THE DATES:
April 19-21 Father Son Camp #1
May 3-5 Father Son Camp #2

PRINCIPLES OF MINISTRY IN MARRIAGE

- A. Ministry is first _____ - _____ (Phil. 2:3-4; Ephesians 5:25-30).
- B. Ministry is focused on _____ versus _____ pleasure (1 Cor. 7:1-5).
- C. Ministry fights returning evil for evil, but rather a _____ (1 Peter 3:8-9).
- D. The model of Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5:25-30).
- It is an _____ love (Rom. 5:8).
 - It is a _____ love (Phil 2:8, Heb. 12:1-2).
 - It is an _____ love (John 13:1).
 - It is an _____ love (Rom. 8:39).
 - It is an _____ love (Phil. 2:6-7).
 - It is a _____ love (Rom. 8:32).

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY IN MARRIAGE.

- A. Shift your model. Focus on being a _____ mate versus building a _____ marriage.
- B. Remember she's a _____, you are a _____. (1Pet. 3:7)
- Understanding way?
- Communicate love with _____.
 - Provide satisfaction of her _____ needs.
 - Protect her.
 - _____ in chores or responsibilities.
 - _____ for her.
 - Allow her to _____ share your life.
 - Refuse to _____ her to others.
 - From Christ she has _____ place.
 - Express love with tenderness, respect, _____ & courtesy.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What model of marriage currently reflects the way you are relating in your marriage? Singles: what model reflects your approach to other relationships?
2. What are you currently doing to drink deeply from the Fountain of Living Water?
3. What are 1-2 things that you can specifically do this week to minister to your wife (or if single, to your friends)?

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A. Man is thirsty.

B. Man is foolish.

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SELF PROMOTION	SELF PROTECTION	OTHER CENTERED
Conditional <u>Giving (Getting)</u>		<u>Unconditional</u> Giving
<u>Man</u> -Centered		<u>God</u> -Centered
Problems result because my spouse fails to meet my needs.		Problems result because I fail to trust God with my needs.
Solution is to change my <u>spouse</u> .		Solution is to change my <u>heart</u> .
My spouse is responsible for my bad behavior.		I am responsible for my bad behavior.
Assumes we <u>could be</u> enough for each other.		Assumes we could <u>never be</u> enough for each other.

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- D. The model of Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5:25-30).
 - It is an unconditional love (Rom. 5:8)
 - It is a volitional love (Phil 2:8, Heb. 12:1-2).
 - It is an intense love (John 13:1)
 - It is an unending love (Rom. 8:39)
 - It is an unselfish love (Phil. 2:6-7)
 - It is a manifested love (Rom. 8:32)

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY IN MARRIAGE

- C. Shift your model. Focus on being a godly mate versus building a great marriage.
- D. Remember she's a tea cup you are a thermos (1Pet. 3:7)

Understanding way?

- Communicate love with words.
- Provide satisfaction of her varying needs.
- Protect her.
- Assist in chores or responsibilities.
- Sacrifice for her.
- Allow her to really share your life.
- Refuse to compare her to others.
- Demonstrate to her that apart from Christ she has first place.
- Express love with tenderness, respect, chivalry & courtesy.

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