

Reflecting the Savior: Loving Your Spouse with the Love of Christ

Part 2 - Faithfulness

Various Texts

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Part I - Sermon Notes - For your reference as you review the message.

Introduction

(Revelation 19:11-16)

1. Christ is Faithful and True

(Hosea 2:19-20, Joshua 21:45, 2 Corinthians 1:20)

2. Christ's Faithfulness FOR Us

(Hebrews 10:23, Revelation 2:10)

"Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come."

- A.W. Tozer (Knowledge of the Holy)

"God has a major problem with part-time Christians who don't want to be full-time saints. Who want to identify when it comes to a blessing but not when it comes to a struggle. Who want the benefits of heaven but not the trouble that heaven brings on earth."

- Tony Evans ("A Challenge to Faithfulness" Sermon)

3. Christ's Faithfulness THROUGH Us

"Wedding vows are not a declaration of present love but a mutually binding promise of future love."

- Tim and Kathy Keller (Meaning of Marriage)

- Marital Faithfulness is Exclusive
- Marital Faithfulness is Unwavering
- Marital Faithfulness is Unselfish
- Marital Faithfulness is Lifelong

4. Our Need to Return to Christ's Faithfulness

(Psalm 26:3, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Part II - *To be completed separately after the message. Take time on your own to answer these questions.*

1. What are two or three things you heard in the message that stand out to you as applicable to your marriage as it is currently?
2. Which elements of Christ's faithfulness stir the greatest gratitude and worship in your soul?
3. If you were to take one action step in response to this message, which do you feel your spouse would suggest for you? Why?
4. Envision what your marriage would look like if you applied this message. What would be different? In what ways? What change could occur tonight or tomorrow if applied? Write your thoughts here.

Part III - *To be completed together within one week after the meeting. Take time where you can talk in an uninterrupted and unhurried way to complete the third portion of this project. Feel free to use this worksheet however you wish. If you want a plan, consider the one below:*

1. Pray. Ask God for his help to keep your conversation fruitful and redemptive. If, at any point during the conversation you feel conflict brewing, stop, pray, and remember together that Christ means to be the center of the marriage and the conversation, not a conflict.
2. Take the time to share your answers from Question 1 in Part II. Realize that God may have spoken to each of you in different ways, seeking to address different things. Don't correct or critique. Simply inform and share God's activity during the message.
3. Review your answers to Questions 2 and 3 from Part II. Seek to learn from the differences you may discover and pray for one another in accordance with the answers you each share.
4. Pray. Ask God to strengthen you with the might of his power as he fills your marriage with his Spirit. Ask him to forgive you for your contribution to any challenges and thank him for bringing you together as a couple. Pray that God would provide all of the help you need.