

Making My Marriage a Win-Win

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. We would all desire for our relationship to be characterized by the Spring or Summer marriage. What might be some reasons why marriages drift into Fall and Winter?
3. We all face potential conflict in our marriages. What are some obstacles that could hinder you from working toward conflict resolution with your spouse?
4. Pastor shared God's statement in Genesis 2:18 that it was not good to man to be alone. Why was Adam's current state not good? Does the statement apply to us today?
5. Take a moment and explain God's solution for the problem identified in Genesis 2:18. How does God's view differ from some common views of the husband and wife relationship today?
6. The Bible teaches us that the Husband and Wife compliment each other. What are some way that you and your spouse compliment each other?
7. If we are going to work together, why does listening become necessary? What are some hindrances to being a good listener?
8. Pastor shared that our listening needs to become understanding. How would understanding help in moving toward conflict resolution with my spouse?
9. It is easy to talk about working out a resolution. What might be some required actions or responses on our part to bring resolution to an area of disagreement.

Digging Deeper

10. Make it a point to be a good teammate this week. Be prepared to share with your group one way that you made progress this week.

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Happily Ever After

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**Loving Relationships are built on _____
not winning arguments.**

"When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—" *Genesis 2:5-6 ESV*

"then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." *Genesis 2:7 ESV*

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." *Genesis 2:15 ESV*

"Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."" *Genesis 2:18 ESV*

"I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop." *Psalms 102:7 ESV*

"A helper is a person who contributes to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort of purpose."

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?" *Psalms 121:1 ESV*

“The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

Matthew Henry

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24 ESV

Four Areas of Marriage Teamwork

1. _____

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:28 ESV

2. _____

“When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground... The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” Genesis 2:5, 15 ESV

3. _____

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”” Genesis 2:16–17 ESV

4. _____

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him... Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:18, 24 ESV

Four Steps toward Conflict Resolution:

1. _____ to Your Spouse

“If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”
Proverbs 18:13 ESV

So what I hear you saying is ...?

2. Strive for _____

“Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.” Proverbs 16:22 ESV

I can understand why you feel that way?

3. Work our a _____

“If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.” Proverbs 29:9 ESV

Work out a compromise acceptable to both.

4. Enjoy growing _____

“When a man’s ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” Proverbs 16:7 ESV