Series: "MARRIAGE KILLER or KILLER MARRIAGE?"
Part 3: "KILLER INTIMACY"
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God's Primary Purpose for Marriage: to make us _____

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:22-27 (NIV)

Marriage will expose your_____

4 Essentials for Spiritual Intimacy in Marriage:

1. **Pursue _____ _____**

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

- **Prioritize _____ _____ Forgiveness**

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37 (NIV)

- **Persevere in _____ Forgiveness**

2. **Persist in _____ _____**

19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV)

- **Pray the _____!**

3. **Plan Shared _____ in the _____**

4. **Practice _____ _____**

2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:2-5 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:

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Additional Resources:
Praying Together, Sam and Vicki Ingrassia
YouVersion Bible App
Sacred Marriage, Gary Thomas