

# From This Day Forward

## Part 3: Have Fun

(Lamentations 3:19-23)

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

1. Seek God
2. Fight Fair
3. Have Fun
4. Stay Pure
5. Never Give Up

Life-giving culture is important. In order to have fun in your marriage, there needs to be a life-giving culture.

### **CHOOSE LIFE**

(Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life...

You have to make life-giving choices. And when you do, it impacts every relationship.

### **THREE LIFE-GIVING PRINCIPLES THAT ALL FUN IS BUILT ON**

- 1. Life-giving relationships look to God as the source of their life.**
- 2. Life-giving relationships happen when two servants are in love.**
- 3. Life-giving relationships make the choice every day.**

## **God wants us to have fun:**

(Ecclesiastes 9:9 NLT)

Live happily with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your reward for all your earthly toil.

(Ecclesiastes 9:9)

Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love...

God made us triune beings – body, soul, spirit.

## **He wants us to have fun in all three areas.**

### **1. Emotionally.**

(1 Peter 3:8-9)

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

### **2. Physically.**

(Proverbs 5:18-19)

May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer– may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love.

### **3. Spiritually.**

(Hebrews 3:1 GW)

Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling.

(Matthew 6:21)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Key -- Choices lead. Feelings follow.**