



Love & Respect - Sunday, September 30th

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 5:33

However, each one of you must also love your wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

1 Corinthians 13:7

It [Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Proverbs 20:5

*The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters,
but one who has insight draws them out.*

Sermon Points:

From Dr. Emerson Eggerich's book, "Love & Respect"

- *By God's design, a man's primary need is for respect.*
- *By God's design, a woman's primary need is for love.*
- *A woman speaks out of **concern** and it is perceived as **contempt**.*
- *A man walks away out of **honor** and it is perceived as **hostility**.*
- *I will choose to believe the best even when I doubt their concern.*
- *I will choose to press past the "issue" to get to the heart.*
- *I will choose to show my loving and reverent obedience to God by how I love and respect others.*
- *The ability to love and respect with the "no matter what-ness" of God, is not natural. It is supernatural.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear Arethra Franklin's song, "Respect," what is the first thing that comes to your mind and why?

2. How would you define the word “respect?”
3. Do you agree that “a man’s primary need is for respect?” Why or why not?
4. Do you agree that “a woman’s primary need is for love?” Why or why not?
5. What are some ways to press past the “issues” to get to the heart of what is really going on in a conflict?
6. If the ability to love and respect with the no matter what-ness of God is supernatural, then how do we access that ability?
7. What is one thing God spoke to your heart today? What is God calling you to do in response to what you heard?
 - Action Steps: If single, then intentionally choose to show love and respect to your friends and/or girlfriend or boyfriend. If married, then intentionally choose to show love and respect to your spouse.
 - If you need help figuring out your “next steps,” including finding a counselor or a Small Group connection, then email connect@covechurch.com.