

Sermon Series: A HAPPY HOME

Sermon Title: "Evict the Elephant"

Scripture: II Samuel 11:1-5 (NIV)

REVIEW

1. Breaking the _____ (Quit) Cycle
2. Get Your _____ (Hands) Up
3. Pick a _____ (Fair) Fight

INTRO: _____ (Ignoring) problems and _____ (pretending) they do not exist is a death sentence to a marriage and a family.

SIX COMMON ELEPHANTS

1. _____ (Money)
2. _____ (Escaping)
 - am I failing to show up anywhere I have responsibilities or commitments?
 - am I disengaged or distracted in my marriage?
 - am I failing to show up for my kids?
 - am I distracting myself at work?
 - am I neglecting my faith?
 - am I playing video games or binge watching for hours at a time?
 - am I spending money to make myself feel better?
 - am I eating when I feel sad or depressed?
3. _____ & _____ (Health & Fitness)
4. _____ (Boundaries)
5. _____ (Boredom)
6. _____ (Sex) I Corinthians 7:2-5
 - you want oneness, but you have distance
 - you want intimacy, but you have what feels like one-night stands
 - you want fullness, but you have emptiness
 - you want happiness, but you have discontentment

CLOSE: EVICT...don't _____ (ADOPT) the elephant!

1. Evict the elephant _____ (inwardly)
2. Evict the elephant _____ (outwardly)
3. Solve problems one _____ (shovelful) at a time

BE ENCOURAGED: No marriage is _____ (perfect), but every marriage can be _____ (better)