# **COST OF LIVING - WEEK 3**

*I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.* – Lamentations 3:19-20

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 (mercies) never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:21-23

A relationship with God means we always have the opportunity for a blank page.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. — Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

If you come to me first, I'll take care of the <u>rest</u>.

If you want to take care of things on your own, you opt out of My <u>power</u>.

Other than God, anything we idolize, we eventually demonize.

We can not let people occupy the position that only God was meant to have.

God is my One. My spouse is my <u>Two</u>.

I will seek the One while I'm preparing for my Two.

I will seek the One with my Two.

# <u>Pray</u> for one another.

# **Bonus Resource | Prayer for One Another**

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. — James 5:16 (NIV)

We go to God for forgiveness. We are healed through our relationships with His people.

God can certainly heal us, but He often does that through our horizontal relationships. That is where healing of every kind can happen.

### Couples That Pray Together, Stay Together | Focus On The Family

# Discuss the <u>Bible</u> together.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. — **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)** 

# Attend <u>church</u> together.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. not forsaking the assembling of ourselves

### together. — Hebrews 10:23, 25 (NKJV)

*He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.* **– Luke 4:16** 

This is learned behavior. Jesus learned this from watching his family, and making it a priority in His life as He grew up.

# Want Your Marriage To Succeed? Harvard Study Shows What Can Help.

### Stay-at-home parents don't raise go-to-church kids.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.* **— Psalm 127:1** 

The most essential part of a healthy relationship is a <u>God-first</u> lifestyle.

### MOVE THE STORY FORWARD.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Look through the **Prayer for One Another**) link starting this week.

- Commit to joining a Connect Group this semester.

### THINK ABOUT THIS:

Based on this weekend's message, what is one thing you can begin to do immediately to have a GOD-FIRST mentality?

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