



FOCUS ON

A MARRIAGE SERIES

NOTES

for today's message

Series based on book, From This Day Forward, by Craig and Amy Groeschel)

WE COMMIT TO:

1. Seek God
2. Fight fair
3. Have fun
4. Stay pure
5. Never give up

- When your marriage or relationship becomes a debt/debtor relationship, you can't give love or receive love without feeling like you deserve more or are in debt to that person.
- **Christian marriage is a submission competition**

JOHN 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- When Jesus gives a new commandment, He is speaking for God.
- Jesus commands us to treat others the same way He has treated us, referring to how He was willing to die for us.
- Paul takes this command and applies it to marriage.

EPHESIANS 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

EPHESIANS 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- A Christian marriage is a submission competition – you are to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, not reverence for one another.

EPHESIANS 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

EPHESIANS 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

JOHN 13:4-5 So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

JOHN 13:12-15 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Relationship-transforming Question: **WHAT CAN I DO TO SERVE YOU?**

- Serving others is the foundation of having fun and adventure in any relationship.
- If you want what you once had, do what you once did.
- **Decide** - Commit to having fun together
- **Create**- fun in the everyday moments
- **Plan**- put some fun on your calendar
- **Budget**- set aside the money