

# Message Based Questions 2/24/19

## Relationship Essentials: It's Mutual

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What is your definition of a great marriage? What do you think is required of each person in the marriage?

Have you ever been in a relationship in which the other person felt you owed them something? If so, what happened to that relationship?

Read John 13:34. What are some practical ways spouses can love each other the way Christ has loved them?

Read Ephesians 5:22 and 25. Do you think this advice to wives and husbands is realistic? Why or why not?

What can you do this week to begin to treat your spouse—or lay the groundwork for treating your future spouse—as though he or she owes you nothing? If you are in a group, how can the group help you?

Read 1 Peter 5:5–7. Is there an area of your relationship about which you need to ask, “What would a humble person do?” What are some things you can do to move to the back of the line in that area? How can you trust God with meeting your hopes, dreams and desires?

What can you do this week to “cast your anxiety” on God?

Happy couples don't let their desires become expectations. Happy couples know to unload their frustrations on God. He invites it. And, if you allow him to, he will do something remarkable in your life and marriage.

If your marriage is a tug of war, the thought of laying down your end of the rope first is terrifying. But remember; while you were dead in your sin, God let go of the rope. He did something for you with no guarantee that you would return the favor. Follow his lead by dropping your end of the rope in your marriage.

*Pray: We pray for all the marriages around us, that they will seek You above all else. May our marriages be an example to everyone of the love Christ has for His Church. Please help husbands to love their wives and help wives to love their husbands, submitting to one another. Thank you for rescuing, loving and saving sinners and those who fail, like me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*