

Love Killers

The One Habit That Will Save Your Marriage



Message Summary

Most people don't plan to ruin their marriage or close relationships. They just don't plan not to. At the root of nearly every relational tension is selfishness.

3 Ways Selfishness Shows Up

1. Selfishness keeps score.
2. Selfishness withholds.
3. Selfishness demands.

Key Scripture

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant ... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- James 4:1 GW
- 1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV
- James 4:17 NIV
- Proverbs 18:1 NIV
- Philippians 2:3-4 NIV
- Ephesians 5:25 NIV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share one way you served someone else this week.

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are some of your favorite qualities of your marriage or close relationships?
- Read **Philippians 2:6-8**. Christ willingly took on the nature of a servant. What are some ways you already serve others? How might God be calling you to serve in additional ways?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Review the three ways selfishness shows up. When are you most likely to keep score, withhold, or make demands? How could you do things differently the next time you're in that situation?
- You can feed selfishness or feed your relationships; you cannot feed both. How will you choose to feed your relationships every day this week?

Start Praying

Gracious Father, thank You for going first by showing Your love and care for us through Jesus. Help us fight the temptation to be selfish. Instead, help us choose selfless love that honors You and serves others. Build and restore our relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Show care by doing one thing first every day this week. Notice how it shifts your relationships.
- Start the Bible Plan *3 Tips for Better Relationships* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/love
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.