

The Gospel at Home

The most significant relationship in our lives provides some of the greatest opportunities to demonstrate the love and power of Jesus to the world. As wives express loyalty to husbands who sacrifice for them, together they become a living picture of the Church and Jesus' self-dying love. As children obey their parents, they mirror the obedience of Jesus to his Father. As parents patiently teach their children, they display God's patience to a disobedient world. Those who serve others will embody Jesus' sacrificial service that saves us. And Godly employers mirror the way God uses his authority to do justice. Marriage, childhood, parenting, and work exist (in part) to publicly model the Good News of Jesus.

But these relationships aren't just demonstrations of Jesus' power and love; they are ways to participate in it. As we love those in relationship to us, we give and receive the love of God.

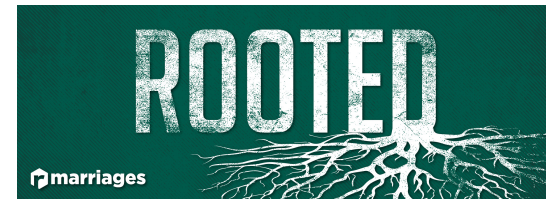
Marriages, families, and work are sacred places where we come face-to-face with Jesus. At different times, Scripture describes Jesus as a husband, a son, a father, a brother, a slave, and a master, Jesus even describes himself like a mother, a mother hen who wants to protect her chicks (Luke 13:34). Marriages, families, and workplaces are some of the most vivid expressions of God's love we will experience. When we sacrifice, love, serve, obey, and remain loyal to those we're in a relationship with, we are doing those things for Jesus. When others do so for us, we are being loved by Jesus.

Elsewhere, Paul describes the people of God's Church as Jesus' body (1Corinthians 12:27). And until Jesus returns, the way a watching world will see and experience Jesus' bodily sacrifice for them is when husbands, wives, parents, children, and workers love and honor one another. Paul wants the Colossians' homes to be public pictures of the Gospel. But Paul knows living like Jesus in marriages, as children, and when in service to others, will be difficult. It will require prayer and thankfulness (Colossians 4:2). These are the lessons Paul learned in prison and still needs to heed himself. They all need prayer to endure difficult circumstances. And they all must remain hopeful and thankful that God works through families and homes to demonstrate the power of Jesus and His ability to free the world.

Wives shouldn't use their freedom in Jesus as an excuse to leave, reject, or rebel against their husbands, but to remain loyal to them. Husbands shouldn't freely use their wives to satisfy their desires, but love their wives and consider their wives' desires as more significant than their own (Colossians 3:18-19).

***Welcome back Rock Marriages family, hope everyone had a wonderful Easter!
Just a reminder, April 23, 2026 is our last weekly gathering for the summer.***

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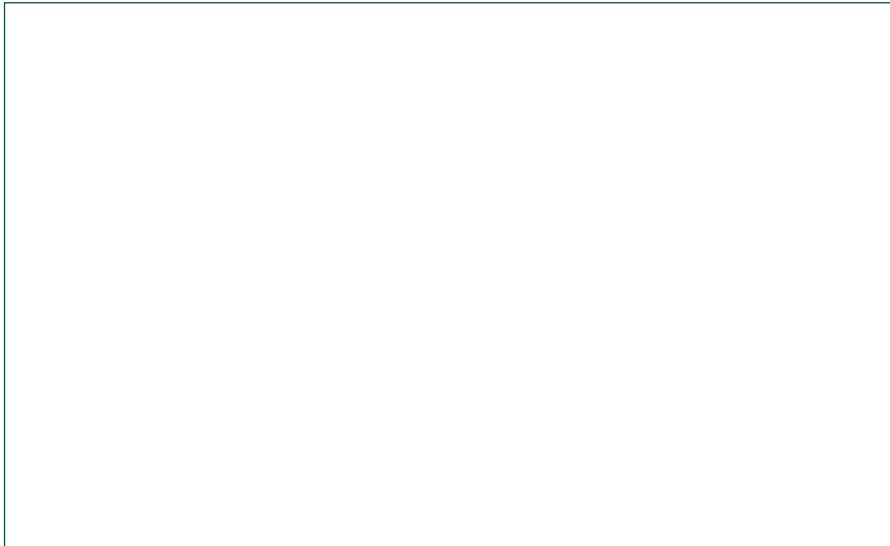
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MESSAGE NOTES & VERSES

WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE THIS WEEK TO
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED AS A COUPLE?



OUR PRAYERS



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the
whole creation."
Mark 16:15*

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