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July 3, 2016

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  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
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  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
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  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?
3. Read Matthew 19:3-8. What connection does Jesus make between a persons heart and their marriage? What is God's "original intention" for marriage? Why is it important to know God's original intention for marriage?
4. Read Romans 5:6-11. Reflect on the type of love that Christ has for the world. How does this understanding of *true love* inform what love is meant to look like in the context of a marriage?
5. What council would you give to a friend who is not currently feeling loved or honoured by their spouse? What Scriptures might you share to encourage them to be faithful to God and their spouse in the midst of their current challenges?
6. **Missional Reflection:** What can you do to love, serve and encourage the married couples in your life who don't have a relationship with Jesus yet?



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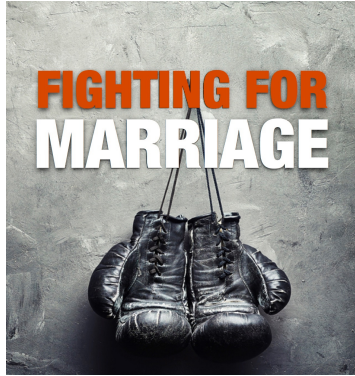
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Aaron Richert, Multiply Team Leader  
July 3, 2016



Mark 10:6-9 But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation. <sup>7</sup> 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, <sup>9</sup> let no one split apart what God has joined together."

There is an **HONOUR** crisis in many marriages today.

Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage should be honoured by all."

Not honouring one's spouse leads to a **CLOSED HEART**, which eventually can become a **HARDENED HEART**.

Proverbs 4:23. "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

"A hard heart ruins, not only your life, but [your marriage as well]...Jesus identified the hard heart as the wrecking ball of a marriage...When one or both people in a marriage [harden their hearts], they sign its death certificate." Max Lucado.

The solution to closed hearts is to intentionally *honour* your spouse.

Ephesians 5:28-30 (ESV) "In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body."

To cultivate a killer marriage, honour your spouse by...

**CHERISHING** them.

**NOURISHING** them.

Romans 12:9-10 "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other."

**Big Idea: HONOUR sets us up for a killer marriage, but a CLOSED HEART is a marriage killer.**