LOVE AND WAR

Part 2 of Series REALATIONSHIPS Getting Real with the People Closest to You April 25th & 26th, 2020 Pastor Kerry Shook

- Delight
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"Love is invincible facing danger and death. Passion laughs at the terrors of hell. The fire of love stops at nothing— it sweeps everything before it. Flood waters can't drown love, torrents of rain can't put it out. Love can't be bought, love can't be sold— it's not to be found in the marketplace." Song of Solomon 8:6-7 (MSG)

1. LOWER YOUR DEFENSES AND RISK REVEALING YOUR TRUE FEELINGS

"Instead, we lovingly follow the truth at all times – speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly" Ephesians 4:15 (TLB)

2. STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND START FIGHTING FOR A DEEPER CONNECTION

"Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life." Ephesians 4:26-27 (MSG)

Weak and _____ Strong and

superficial connection <u>CONFLICT</u> deep connection

Don't attack and don't retreat

"... don't use your anger as fuel for revenge." Ephesians 4:26b (MSG)

"Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life." Ephesians 4:26c-27 (MSG)

• Stay on the battlefield until you hear their heart

3. IDENTIFY THE REAL ENEMY AND THE REAL FORTRESS

"The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness." John 10:10 (GNT)

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" Joel 2:25 (KJV)