



Save The Date! Part 1: Why Many Marriages Don't Work

The man who finds a wife finds a treasure. - Proverbs 18:22 NLT

A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day. - Proverbs 27:15 NLT

How we view marriage shapes how we approach relationships!

"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" 5 And he said, "This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' 6 Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together." - Matthew 19:4-6 NLT

- **A CONTRACT based on mutual DISTRUST.**

- This view of marriage ⇒ cohabitation
 - The percentage of adults cohabiting more than doubled between 1990 and 2019. (Pew Research)
 - 80% of teenagers expect to cohabit. (National Center for Family & Marriage Research)
- cohabitation ⇒ inertia ⇒ decreased odds of happiness in marriage. (Psychology Today)

- **A COVENANT based on mutual COMMITMENT.**

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her... - Ephesians 5:25 NLT

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. - Hebrews 13:4 NIV

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. - Ephesians 5:3 NLT

"I will climb the palm tree and take hold of its fruit." May your breasts be like grape clusters, and the fragrance of your breath like apples. 9 May your kisses be as exciting as the best wine— Young Woman "Yes, wine that goes down smoothly for my lover, flowing gently over lips and teeth. 10 I am my lover's, and he claims me as his own. 11 Come, my love, let us go out to the fields and spend the night among the wildflowers. 12 Let us get up early and go to the vineyards to see if the grapevines have budded, if the blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love. - Song of Solomon 7:8-12 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- How would you say you approach your relationships? With a sense of mutual distrust, or mutual commitment? How does this impact your relationships?
- With God, there are always second chances. How have you experienced this in your relationships?
 - How is God calling you to honor Him through your relationships?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Wisdom For Dating](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Visit newlife-saugerties.org for our location and livestream link. Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone is available for ages 5-11 each week. Find sermon notes, suggested Bible reading plan, prayer request form, and connection card under “Events” on the [YouVersion Bible App](#).
- **Girl’s Ministry** Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM! See Sharee Haromontelongo for more info.
- **Finish Line Youth** Fridays from 7 to 8:30 PM! See Pastor James for more info.
- **Pizza With The Pastor** 11/13 following the service. If you’re new at New Life or interested in exploring membership, join us for this four-week course to meet and eat with the pastor and learn about New Life’s “DNA.” Please register [HERE](#) so we know how much pizza we need!
- **Sunday November 20**
 - **Water Baptisms** following the service! See Pastor Tim if interested.
 - **Harvest Party** to follow!
 - **CandyPalooza** in KidZone!
- **Missions Focus:**
 - **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox packing and collection is **November 13**. See Melissa Lasher for more info.
 - Offerings will be received throughout November to help **the DeMartinos, missionaries to Mexico**, purchase a facility to serve the hungry and the homeless in Guadalajara. Please be sure to write “DeMartino” on your envelope or in the memo of your check.
 - **Baby Bottle Campaign** to benefit the BRAVO Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County ends November 20. See Jeannie & Jim Bach for more info.