Happily, Ever After 1. April 7, 2024

	Becoming the Right One
1.	in Christ
٧c	human being can meet your; only God can.
	Jeremiah 17:5-6 (ESV) - Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. 6 He is like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
	Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV) - "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."
2.	in Christ
	 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV) - Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
	Philippians 2:3-5 (ESV) - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
	What should you be looking for?
1.	Someone who is authentically
	 1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) - Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
2.	Someone that approves of.
	 Proverbs 12:15 (ESV) - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.
3.	Someone that works through .
	 James 1:19-20 (ESV) - Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

4. Someone you can ______.

- 1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV) - Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Reflect and Discuss

Practical Ways to Deepen Your Relationship with Christ and Your Spouse.

- 1. Spend a little time studying and meditating on the Word of God together to deepen understanding and spiritual insight.
- 2. Develop a consistent prayer life together and cultivate a personal relationship with Christ.
- 3. Engage in meaningful fellowship with other believers for encouragement, accountability, and spiritual growth. Check out our Small Group opportunities.
- 4. Use your gifts and talents to serve others and engage in ministry activities that align with your spiritual calling. Check out upcoming Outreach Opportunities.
- 5. Pursue ongoing spiritual development by reading Christian books on marriage, attending a marriage seminar, and participating in discipleship opportunities.
- 6. Take time for personal reflection and self-examination, seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit to align your life with Christ's teachings. Pray for one another.

Next Week

happily ever after?

"Navigating Conflict"

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRII MAY GROWTH TRACK-SIGNUP @ CONNECTION CENTER THURSDAY TODAY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER • CONNECT WITH THE PASTOR AFTER SERVICE • TEEN GROUP SMALLGROUP @ 3:30PM **TUESDAY FRIDAY** SERVE TEAM LEADERSHIP MEETING @ 7PM 16 RELAY FOR LIFE (LET'S GO TEAM MCS!) 3 SATURDAY TUES-TH 21-23 SANFORD BLOCK PARTY OUTREACH @ 8AM-3PM ANNUAL MULTIPLY CONFERENCE (FAYETTEVILLE) 27

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