

RELATIONSHIP REHAB

Perfect Marriage

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"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."

EPHESIANS 5:31-32 | NLT

Six Ingredients for a Sweet Marriage

1

Communication

"Reliable communication permits progress."

PROVERBS 13:17b | LB

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

EPHESIANS 4:29 | NLT

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NW (Needs Work)

OT (On Track)

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Consideration

"You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common."

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10b | MSG

"Husbands ... show consideration for your wives in your life together ... so that nothing may hinder your prayers."

1 PETER 3:7 | NRSV

Simple Ways to Show Consideration

A. By offering practical help .

"Show your love by being helpful to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:2b | TEV

B. By forgiving their mistakes .

"Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

COLOSSIANS 3:13 | NLT

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Compromise

"... a family splintered by feuding will fall apart."

MARK 3:25 | NLT

"People who do not get along with others are only interested in themselves."

PROVERBS 18:1 | TEV

"... (Love) does not demand its own way ..."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 | NLT

"May God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us ..."

ROMANS 15:5 | MSG

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NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, LB = LIVING BIBLE,
MSG = THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION,
NRSV = NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION,
TEV = TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** Share about someone in your life that has modeled great communication in marriage or a relationship. **How did their speech towards one another impact you for good? Are you kind in your communication? Why or why not?**
- 3** As a group read Colossians 3:13. **Why is it difficult to make allowances for each other's faults when we desperately want that grace ourselves?**
- 4** **How important is it to you to be a peacemaker in your marriage, family, and relationships? What work needs to be done to get on track?**
Reference the spectrums in the notes.
- 5** **How can we be praying for you this week?**