

With: God's Dream for Your Marriage

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Text: Psalm 51:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:5

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

If marriage is very good why do we experience such difficulty? Sin.

What is God's image? Sacrificial, relational love.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

What does God's love look like? Jesus on the Cross

Psalm 51:1-2 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

1 Corinthians 13:5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Jesus, in what way are you calling me to die, so we can experience your resurrection life in our marriage?

Food for Thought for the week of February 6, 2022

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

Questions for married folks:

What is the most fun you've ever had with your spouse?

What does it mean to be imitators of God?

Why is regularly addressing and repenting from sin important to our relationships (and specifically marriage)?

Looking at 1 Corinthians 13:5, what is one way that you struggle to love your spouse?

Spend some time praying for one another, that God would continue to change your hearts and enable you to love like Jesus.

Questions for singles:

If you hope to be married some day, what excites you about marriage? What scares you?

What does it mean to be imitators of God?

Why is regularly addressing and repenting from sin important to our relationships?

These passages about loving others are not "marriage passages" but rather, imitating God passages. Looking at 1 Corinthians 13:5, which do you feel you struggle with the most?

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Memory Verse:

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