

Making Room for Life

Making Room for Your Marriage: “The PLAN”

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John 10:10- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the **full**.

- Most relationships **start** with attraction.
- Most marriages do not have a **plan** for **staying** married.

If I asked you to share your plan to stay married, what would it be?

_____ : **The example and standard from Jesus about love.**

1. Love is something we _____ (the plan is an action).

John 13:34- "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another..."

When we think of love as an action, Jesus tells us to think on how he loves us!

2. What does love look like when it is an _____?

Philippians 2:3- Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or vain conceit...

Self-ambition: Carries the idea of competition.

Philippians 2:3- ... but in **humility** consider others better than yourselves.

Humility: Humility of mind.

Philippians 2:4- Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

_____ : **When love is an action in a marriage, what does it look like?**

1. _____ demonstrate by acting as if that person is more _____ than you are.

Philippians 2:4- Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

2. _____ demonstrate an _____ in things that aren't interesting to you because they're interesting to the person you plan to stay in love with.

John 13:34- Jesus said "...As I have loved you, so you must love one another...."

Philippians 2:5- Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus....

Philippians 2:6- Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage....

Philippians 2:7- rather, he made himself nothing [emptied himself] by taking the very nature of a **servant** [used all that potential for the benefit of others] being made in human likeness. [He played by the rules of humanity by choice, not necessity.]

Philippians 2:8- And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself [Placed himself under, laid aside his rights, submitted] and becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Jesus could have maintained his **place** and **authority** in heaven, where he got everything he deserved. But, do you know what would have happened if he did? We would have **never** had a **relationship** with him.

To stay in love is to have the same _____ toward the person you want to stay in love with (that Jesus has toward you). It is a challenge because it is _____ natural.

Next steps:

- Evaluate your spiritual life first. Sign up for Next Steps.
- Confess, repent, and own any actions that are wrong.
- Put into action, “The plan,” before you leave today!