

**IV. COMPROMISE YOUR PREFERENCES FOR YOUR SPOUSE**

- A. Opposites often attract before marriage and then attack after marriage.  
*“But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” Galatians 5:15*
- B. Love your spouse by adjusting to their ways.  
*“4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;” I Corinthians 13:4-5*

**V. COMMIT TO YOUR SPOUSE FOR A LIFETIME**

- A. Marriage is a male and female, who enter into a lifelong covenant relationship, to be a husband and wife.  
*“6 But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” Mark 10:6-9*
- B. Forgive and avoid bitterness.  
*13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Colossians 3:13,19*

**COMMIT TO CENTER YOUR MARRIAGE  
(or future marriage) ON JESUS CHRIST**

**BEST RELATIONSHIPS EVER**

Best Marriage Ever  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- A. The quality of your relationships determines the quality of your life! But the reality is...

Relationships can be hard. You may be lonely and lack relationships. On the other hand you may have relationships, but they are often unhealthy.

But imagine a life filled with a positive network of people that provide mutual happiness. You having a web of relationships that provide comfort and encouragement.

*“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11*

God desires to strengthen your well being through relationships.

- B. Attend this teaching series and discover how to apply simple steps from the Bible for your best relationships ever! Here are the relationships that we will explore during this series:

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| Feb 26 | Best Friendship Ever            |
| TODAY  | Best Marriage Ever              |
| Mar 12 | Best Coworkers/Schoolmates Ever |
| Mar 19 | Best Family Ever                |
| Mar 26 | Best Church Ever                |
| Apr 2  | Best Love Ever                  |

- C. **Text:** Proverbs 5:18-19

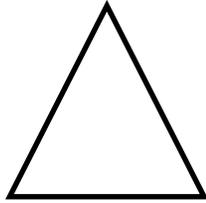
God wants your marriage to be blessed with joy, satisfaction and love.

## HOW TO HAVE THE BEST MARRIAGE EVER

### I. CENTER YOUR MARRIAGE ON JESUS

- A. Marriage takes three, it's not enough for two to meet.

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."* Matthew 6:33



- B. Build your marriage on the Lord, His Word and Church.

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;..."* Psalm 127:1a

### II. COMMUNICATE DAILY WITH YOUR SPOUSE

- A. Communication is to a marriage what blood is to a body. It keeps it alive.

*"For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit."* I Peter 3:10

- B. Keep communication lines open.

- Communicate to increase closeness.

*"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."* Genesis 2:24

- Communicate to resolve conflict.

*"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother."*

Matthew 18:15

- Communicate to avoid confusion.

*"33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

*40 Let all things be done decently and in order.*

I Corinthians 14:33,40

### III. CREATE BOUNDARIES IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- A. Sexual temptation is alluring.

*"24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.*

*25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.*

*26 For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life."* Proverbs 6:24-26

- B. Establish guardrails to maintain purity.

*"3 For this is the will of God, your Sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;*

*4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,"*

I Thessalonians 4:3-4

Suggested Guardrails: