

MARRIED COUPLES NEWSLETTER

What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." Matt 19:6b

February's Zoom

February 26 @7:30pm

Marriage Building Articles

Husbands: Love, Lead, and Serve

<https://heavenmademarriage.com/husbands-love-lead-and-serve/>

Wives: Love, Respect, and Submission

<https://heavenmademarriage.com/wives-love-respect-and-submission/>

Marriage Building Video of the Month

Pastor Greg share's from his series "Happily Ever After" with a message titled "Four Words That Can Change Your Marriage" (Ephesians 5, 1 Corinthians 13)

<https://youtu.be/dPY7fNURsb4>



The Marriage Chamber

Just before Christmas, I was reading one morning about the Jewish customs of marriage. It is so intriguing how much of the Jewish customs speaks of our relationship with Christ. Let me explain just one point I took away from my reading that morning.

If you would, imagine how a marriage celebration would look in Jerusalem. Now, it may be hard for you to imagine that because in order for you to have a vision of it in your mind's eye you would have had to have seen a Jewish marriage celebration, otherwise you will skew it with thoughts of how your wedding went and mix it with how you think a Hebrew wedding would look like.

Well like most weddings receptions there is much laughter, singing, and music; love is in the air... or better said, tent. This tent is festive-looking made of thin white fabrics. [cont. on pg 2]



אני לדודי ודודי לי
I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine



Ideas to enhance your prayer times as a couple:

On page 3 of our newsletter you will find prayer points that you can pray through together this month as a married couple. Here are some suggestions on how you can make your prayer time a conjoined effort.

- Take turns to pray, one prayer point at a time.
- Start by telling each other how you feel, about any unresolved issue; "When you did this I felt this." Don't carry unresolved issues, hurts or anger into your prayer time.
- Tell your spouse one thing you appreciated about them today.
- Start with Praising God for Who He is.
- Confess your shortcomings before God and your spouse. Agree not to hold these things against each other, right from the start.
- Pray into a vision that you share for your marriage, family, jobs ministry
- Pray over any challenges you are facing in your marriage or individually.
- End your prayer time by praying over each other.

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shadows of the bride and groom appear on the tent walls. Others are with them, of course their family and friends, but only the silhouette of the bride and groom is seen through the wall of the tent "The bride and groom are surrounded by celebration and yet are also to themselves, alone in the midst of the celebration. Up to this point they've only seen each other in the midst of other things, mediators, rituals, families, bridesmaids, and groomsmen. But now for the first time they're sitting in each other's presence, and everything around them fades into the back-ground...It's a picture of the end."

Did those 6 words shock you? A wedding celebration, is a picture of the end? It doesn't make sense! And yet, it does. In a Jewish wedding celebration when the bride and groom are dwelling in each others presence there is no need of chaperones, or mediators. Up until this point they could never be alone, there were always to have accompaniment. This wedding celebration points to the end, because it is a picture of that great day when we will attend that Marriage Feast, and we as a bride are with Jesus.

Up until that day we will have only known our Groom through other things, His blessings, His creation that surrounds us daily, His people, His working of His plans in our lives. But on that day, that great FESTIVE day, we will see Him with no mediation for "now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face," as Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 13:2. On that day it will be to us as though it is only Him and us... only Him and you, and you will see Him as He is, the one who always was. Everything of this life will fade to the background. It will be just us, the bride with Jesus, the Bridegroom face to face with the one who brought us into existence.

As Valentines rolls around and you take time to share your love for one another recalling your dating years, and your marriage day, remember first the One who brought you to this love. The day is coming and sooner than later when we will see His face, and His name will be [cont. pg 3]



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on our foreheads (Revelations 22:4). Oh that we would say, "take me with you, let's hurry. Oh that the King would bring me to His chambers.. He brought me to the banquet hall and He looked on me with love (Song Of Solomon 1:4; 2:4). On that day, when the end shall come it will be as though you will be alone together for the first time... you and God in His Bridal chamber... and nothing else! I don't know about you, but that just gives a whole new feel to the holy picture of marriage

How's your *Prayer* Life?



This past week we were so blessed by the Virtual Revival Prayer meetings and the response that the evenings generated was fantastic - this showed us how many are hungry to pray, how many see prayer as the answer to life problems. Lets be intentional about praying for our marriages, below are this months prayer points to get you started. Pray them everyday and watch and see how God moves in your marriage. Below are some prayer points with scriptures to support it. You can pray as it is written here or you can use these points as your guide and personalize how you feel to pray over this point. Remember to apply the points on page two on how to enhance your prayer time together.

1. FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE SPOUSE YOU HAVE BLESSED ME WITH:

Because I know that "Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens." (James 1: 17, NLT)

I know that I am to "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT).

2. FATHER, HELP ME TO BE FORGIVING AND TOLERANT TOWARDS MY HUSBAND/WIFE.

"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)

3. FATHER, TEACH ME TO LOVE MY SPOUSE UNCONDITIONALLY.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

4. FATHER, MAY MY SPOUSE FULFILL YOUR PLAN FOR HIS/HER LIFE.

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5, NLT)

5. MAY MY SPOUSE AND I SEEK YOU FIRST BEFORE ANY OTHER THING.

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (Matthew 6:33, NLT). "But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

6. TEACH US TO DEPEND ON YOUR POWER THROUGH EVERY DIFFICULT MOMENT WE FACE TOGETHER.

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him." (Ephesians 1:19, NLT)

7. LORD HELP ME BRIDLE MY TONGUE AND NOT SAY HURTFUL THINGS TO MY SPOUSE.

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Colossians 4:6, ESV)

8. LORD HELP, MY SPOUSE AND I TO NOT YIELD TO ANY TEMPTATION THAT MAY COME OUR WAY.

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure." (1 Corinthians 10:13, NLT)

9. LORD, SEPARATE MY SPOUSE AND ME FROM EVERY EVIL COMPANY.

"Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." (1 Corinthians 15:33, ESV)

10. MAY YOUR PEACE REIGN IN OUR HOME.

"Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7, NLT)

****This months prayer points were taken from preciouscore.com**

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.

Bruce Lee