

Retreat Schedule

Same Sessions : Same Speakers : Different Days

Thursday/Friday Retreat	2021 LIVING UNITED RETREAT BRANSON, MO	Friday/Saturday Retreat
Thursday Feb. 18th	Retreat Day 1	Friday Feb. 19th
2:00pm-3:00pm	General Session #1 Pastor Steve Brudnak	2:00pm-3:00pm
3:30 pm-4:15pm	Elective Sessions:	3:30 pm-4:15pm
	Purposefully Parenting-Taking Time to Train Dr. Jim Schettler - Exhibit Hall Trusting Times-Infertility, Adoption & Fostering Bryan Shaffer - Cooper Creek Godly Growth-Spiritually Strengthen your Sweetheart Pastor Brandon Shull - Short Creek Extreme Emotions-Triumphing Over Trying Transitions Pastor Steven Brudnak - Taneycomo Ballroom B	
4:45pm-6:30pm	General Session #2 Dr. Jim Schettler	4:45pm-6:30pm
Dinner Break & Dismiss for the Evening		
Friday Feb. 19th	Retreat Day 2	Saturday Feb. 20th
8:00am-9:30am	General Session #3 Dr. Jim Schettler	9:00am-10:30am
9:45am-10:30am	Elective Sessions:	Lunch Break/Checkout
	True Talk-Clear & Caring Communication Pastor Jim Abbey - Exhibit Hall Purposeful Planning-Finding Family Fun Pastor Mike Stanley - Cooper Creek Children's Children – Grandparents Giving Guidance Pastor Ken Graham - Short Creek Clean Computers – Protecting Precious Purity Pastor Tom Gibson - Taneycomo Ballroom B	12:45pm-1:30pm
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2022 Couples Retreat



Featured Speaker

Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen



2021 Chicago Land Couples Retreat

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Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

Lisle, Illinois



Featured Speaker:

Pastor Kerry Nance



FEATURED PREACHER

Dr. Jim Schettler



Dr. Jim Schettler is currently in his eighth year as the Vice President of Student Affairs at West Coast Baptist College. In this role, he is the Dean of Students, teaches six or more Bible classes a semester, runs the student activities program, preaches out most weekends

of the year, and runs a Christian teen camp every summer called Joshua Camps. Dr. Schettler pastored for over twenty-five years and has taught college students for more than four decades. He yearns each day to be used of the Lord to further train laborers for the Harvest. He has been married for over forty years to Marilee and has three adult sons, Ben, Drew, and Luke. All three of his sons are hard at work in ministry for the Lord.

HOST PREACHER

Pastor Steve Brudnak



Pastor Brudnak is the Pastor of United Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. At the age of 7 he asked the Lord to save him, and at 15 he surrendered to preach the Gospel of Christ. He began serving the Lord as a youth pastor in Michigan. In 1998, he pastored Calvary Baptist Church in Charles City, Iowa, for 5 years. God then called him to become the pastor of United Baptist Church in Springfield, MO. He has a great burden to see marriages and homes strengthened through the only answer, Jesus! In the last 14 years he has led United Baptist Church in the oversight of the Living United Couples Retreat. Pastor Brudnak has been blessed with his wife of 25 years, Melissa. They have 3 sons, Josiah, Jeremiah, and Zachariah.

SESSION PREACHERS

Pastor James Abbey



Bro. Abbey was saved at East Lansing Ave. Baptist Church in Jackson, MI while in the 3rd Grade. Child Evangelist Francis Goodman (Uncle Fran the Bible Man) led him to the Lord. He was called to preach at 31 years of age on February 4th, 2001 ,under His Pastor, Mike Collier, at Oak Bowery Baptist Church, Conway, AR. He became a Youth Director under Dr. Maury Gibson at Oak Bowery, then became an Assistant at Bible Baptist under Bro. Vernon McGee. He was then called to plant Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Alma, AR, where he has Pastored since March 2013. He serves as the secretary of the Arkansas Independent Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. He is involved in other various ministries. He and his wife Regina have been married for 27 years. They have been blessed with two

daughters and one son. The oldest is married, and has given them two beautiful grandchildren. All are faithful in church and serving the Lord.

Pastor Tom Gibson



Pastor Gibson was saved in a small town in Arkansas at the age of 12. Pastor Tom and his wife Emily were married on June 8, 2002. Tom and Emily have 4 children who have all made professions of salvation and one son, Levi, that believes that God has called him to be a preacher. The Lord put Tom and Emily into the ministry fairly quickly, as Tom became the Pastor of a small church in Peoria, IL just a year after they were married. In 2009 the Lord called the Gibsons to start the North Liberty Baptist Church in North Liberty, Iowa.

Pastor Ken Graham



children, two sons-in-law, 5 daughters-in-law, and 20 grandchildren.

Dr. Ken Graham was saved on August 12, 1970 at the age of twelve. The same week God called him to preach. He began preaching at the age of thirteen. Throughout his teenage years ,he preached in many churches in several states as an evangelist, and conducted many youth meetings and Revivals. Bro. Graham came to Benton, Arkansas, in January of 1988, and has been faithfully leading Victory Baptist Church for 33 years. VBC is home to Blessed Hope Baptist College, Victory Baptist Academy, Blessed Hope Baptist Camp Meeting, and Blessed Hope Youth Conference. Bro. Graham and Mrs. Pam were married June 18, 1977, and have been blessed with eight

Pastor Bryan Shaffer



Pastor Shaffer and his wife, Vanessa have the privilege of serving the Lord at Eagle Heights Baptist Church, in the Northland of Kansas City, Missouri. Bryan has been the pastor at Eagle Heights since March, 2020. The Lord allowed the Shaffers to travel in evangelism before Bryan moved into an Assistant Pastor role, and then took his first pastorate in 2012. Bryan and Vanessa were married on July 14, 2007, and have had the joy of adopting two beautiful children!!!

Pastor Brandon Shull



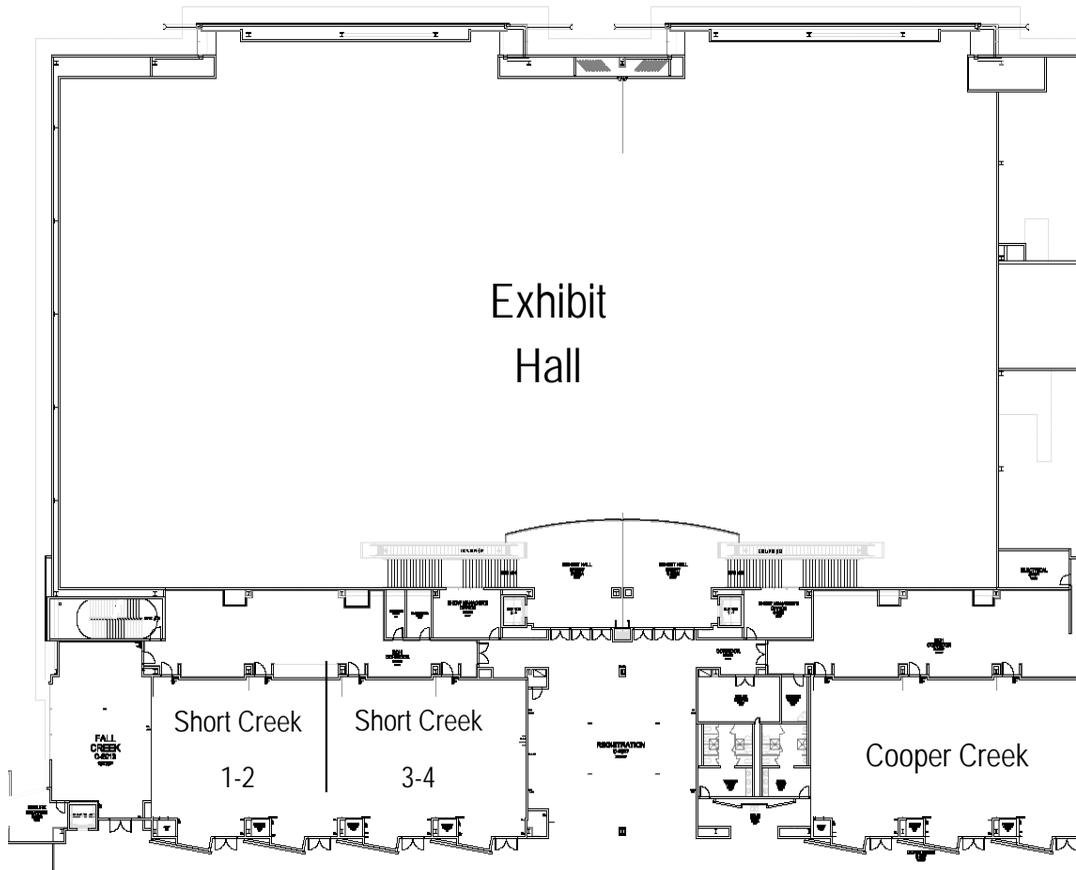
Pastor Shull was brought up in a Christian home and was saved at a young age in Lubbock, TX. When he was 15, he surrendered to God's call to preach the Gospel. In 1993, he married his high school "crush," Wanda. He has served the Lord as Youth Pastor and Assistant Pastor, as well as Pastor, in Texas, Missouri, and Illinois, since 1997. In September of 2019, God called Pastor Shull to pastor Faith Baptist Church of Spokane, MO. The Shulls have been married for 27 years and have three children: Jonathan, Katelyn, and Christina, and most importantly, one grandson, Ryland. Through their own struggles, God has put a burden upon the Shulls to help homes that are struggling.

Pastor Mike Stanley



Pastor Mike and Peggy Stanley met in college and have been married for 42 years in June. For the past 20 years they have spoken at many family conferences and retreats and are currently in their 31st year of ministry at Friendship Baptist Church, in Highland, Arkansas. The Stanleys are the parents of eight children and grandparents to 33 grandchildren who are scattered across the country and in Panama. Mike is an avid outdoorsman who serves as a chaplain with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and occasionally writes on outdoor topics.





FRIDAY SESSION LOCATIONS

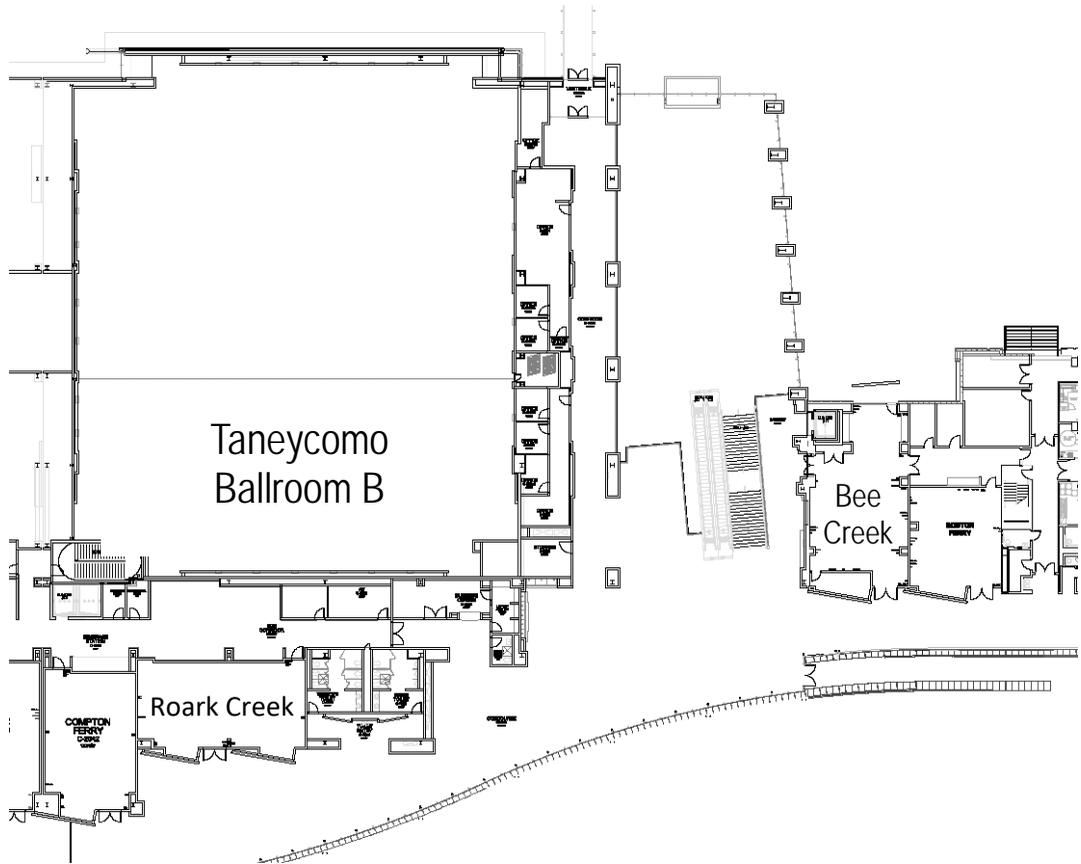
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Three to Thrive

EXTREME EMOTIONS (Pastor Steve Brudnak) - Taneycomo Ballroom B
Triumphing Over Trying Transitions

TRUSTING TIMES (Pastor Bryan Shaffer) - Cooper Creek
Infertility, Adoption & Fostering

GODLY GROWTH (Pastor Brandon Shull) - Short Creek
Spiritually Strengthening Your Sweetheart

NURSERY - Bee Creek & Roark Creek



SATURDAY SESSION LOCATIONS

TRUE TALK (Pastor James Abbey) - **Exhibit Hall**
Clear & Caring Communication

CLEAN COMPUTERS (Pastor Tom Gibson) - **Taneycomo Ballroom B**
Protecting Precious Purity

PURPOSEFUL PLANNING (Pastor Mike Stanley) - **Cooper Creek**
Finding Family Fun

CHILDREN'S CHILDREN (Pastor Ken Graham) - **Short Creek**
Grandparents Giving Guidance

NURSERY - **Bee Creek & Roark Creek**

Purposefully Parenting

Three to Thrive to Stay Alive

 *Malachi 2:14-15 - Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.*

And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

 **Malachi 2:14-15 “seek a godly seed”**

1. Parent with a Purpose
2. Go for the Conscience
3. Stay Balanced

 *Malachi 4:6 - The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.*

 Win your kids’ hearts. This is the foundation of it all. In a family, not church, harmony is more important than principle.

1. Parent with a _____

↪ Have some _____. This helps you make decisions.

A. Determine to be your child's biggest _____.

(not even church, not the Christian School)

* Age, personalities and circumstances all play a part

* Adaptation, compensation, and determination

B. Decide to equip kids with practical _____ skills - relationship skills, financial skills, fix, clean, build hygiene, shake hands, balance a checkbook, drive etc.).

C. Teach instant _____-this helps them learn to listen to the Holy Spirit, and to obey God.

D. Seek a godly _____, not just good _____.

* Spank for attitude - not just actions

* Double spankings for lying

2. Go for the _____ (Law of the Harvest)

- A _____ with no exceptions.

 *Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

- You train up the conscience!
- You cannot make your kids love God, but you can build the _____ . Hope they will want to love and serve God.
- Your spirit: worships, believes, has faith, has a conscience, decides what is wrong or right.
- Keep them tender, sensitive, and keep _____ truth.

3. Stay balanced

A. Truth with _____ – *Proverbs 16:6*

- Rebellion is believing a _____ – Satan, Adam & Eve, Saul
 - * About who God is
 - * Who they are
 - * Who you are
- Don't give them wood to burn in the _____ of their rebellion
 - * Broken promises
 - * Inconsistency

- * Too _____, permissive
- * Wrong priorities
- * Anger
- * _____
- * Never admitting you are wrong
- Get into their _____ and fight for their hearts

B. _____ with Consequences – *Heb 12:6,9-11* – Most important act in the home

- Our children need to experience an eraser of debt and a renewed fellowship after doing wrong
- But also an experience that would have them never to do the wrong again
- Forgiveness is not the _____ of consequence, but rather the _____ of a relationship

C. Privilege with _____ – *Deut 11:13-15, 22-24, 26-28*

- *Proverbs 15:5*
- The _____ of Responsibility
- * Be _____ on what you expect – Have them repeat what you say

- * Give _____ on how to perform it
- * Your yea be yea & your nay be nay
- * Be an _____ of what you've asked
- * Detail consequences if failed
- The Rewards from Responsibility
 - * Verbal _____ & encouragement
 - * Probational freedoms & possessions
 - * They become a part of the _____ and _____ process
 - * If they earn it, don't hold back the _____
- Proverbs 22:6 – A promise – You can't make them do right, but you can make them fill guilty if they don't.

Trusting Times

Infertility, Adoption & Fostering

Introduction

Everyone who deals with difficulty in childbearing experiences various seasons of suffering. Much of the suffering is mental; however, there is also suffering from the embarrassment of questions, tests, etc. This suffering can include the frustrations of not having answers in one season, and then the heartbreak of the very answers we have sought in another. Some seasons are smoother, but inevitably, as we grow accustomed to one season the winds of emotional change begin to blow and we find ourselves swept into the challenges of a whole new season. We must be content to simply keep Trusting in these Times!

⇒ A Time of _____ and _____

📖 *Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.*

👉 In this season (early years of marriage) focus on education and general health. Don't get discouraged - you will hear lots of strange advice and answer some awkward questions.

⇒ A Time of _____ mixed with Expectation

📖 *Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and wife see that she reverence her husband.*

↪ When you know there is something wrong, but you can't seem to figure out what it is, extreme frustration can begin to build. This frustration has caused destructive friction in many marriages, so this is a time to focus on guarding your mind, heart, and view of your spouse.

⇒ A Time of _____ Disappointment

📖 *II Corinthians 4:7-8 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair*

↪ What do you do when all hope seems to be lost?

↪ Practically speaking, how do you move forward, when one of the deepest desires of your heart seems hopelessly lost?

↪ When hope is lost, you begin to attempt to understand how it is that life can ever seem whole, without the massive void in your heart ever being filled. This stage requires a deep, dependent focus on the goodness of God!

↪ **A Time of** _____

📖 *Psalm 31:3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.*

📖 *Isaiah 58:11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: And thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.*

↪ Hope must be restored by God alone. No one, and nothing else, can substitute as the source of hope and still provide lasting joy.

↪ However, there are opportunities which should be explored to determine God's direction for the future of your family.

↪ The focus in this stage needs to be firmly placed upon the will of God, rather than the heart of the individual. This is challenging to do, but vitally important!

⇒ A realistic decision/thought process:

⇒ **A Time of occasional deep grief, balanced by _____**

📖 *James 1:3-4 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

⇒ God does not ask everyone to carry this heartache all the way through life. However, he does ask some of us to carry it all the way. If you are one who is chosen to carry this weight all the way to the finish line of this life, there will be unique challenges in this final and lengthy season.

⇒ Often in this season the reality has set in, and we are able to press forward. However, there will always be moments or days of deep grief, and a feeling of having missed out on an important element of life.

⇒ At the point of knowing that this sorrow will be a lifelong companion, there is the initial struggle with the finality of that reality. This initial battle is then followed by the occasional battles along the way. The only way to find balance in all of this is through the grace of God being applied consistently in our struggle.

⇒ Practically and Biblically, how do we keep trusting in these times?

↪ **A biblical pattern to follow...**

The Shunamite Woman

2 Kings 4

I. She had learned to have a _____ rather than living in anxiety

🕯 Shunem = Two Resting Places; Their Sleep

🕯 Shuni = Tranquility, quiet, fortunate, calm

II. She had learned to be _____ in her suffering – Her identity wasn't damaged

- ⊞ This woman did not live in stress, or carry emotional weight because of the sorrow of barrenness, nor did she withdraw from people.

- ⊞ Here was a woman who was filled with the grace of God. She had learned that God's grace was that which gave completion and purpose to her life, this left her free to live a fulfilled life and leave the rest in the hands of the Lord.

III. Her struggle between raw emotion and her faith in God was just as _____ and _____ as ours is.

- ⊞ This woman had an incredible trust in her God. Yet, she also had a deep hurt in her heart. Not only is it possible for both to exist, it is the plan of God for faith and suffering to coexist in the life of His children.

Godly Growth

Spiritually Strengthen Your Sweetheart

 *Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

 Exhort - To incite by words or advice; to animate or urge by arguments to a good deed or to any laudable conduct or course of action. -Webster 1828

I. _____

⇒ People thrive where there is praise

⇒ Words of:

↪ Affirmation – words that make firm

↪ Blessing – speak well of

↪ Acceptance – favorable reception

↪ Empowerment – to give power to

↪ Encouragement – to give or increase confidence of success

II. _____ Together

⇒ Pray together with thankfulness

↳ Not fake

⇒ Serve together

↳ Aquilla and Priscilla are mentioned 6 times, always _____

III. Stop being _____!!!

⇒ “Life isn’t perfect, but life is many times good”

⇒ Focus on the good qualities of your spouse, not the stuff you don’t like

↳ The Value of _____

⇒ Encourage, don’t discourage

↳ Michal when David was dancing *2 Samuel 6:16*

IV. Talk about what _____ you

 *Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*

⇒ Don’t be perfect, be _____

↳ Your mate knows you're imperfect

V. Spill out _____ on your spouse *Rom 5:5*

⇒ Grace - *Hosea 2:14-16*

Extreme Emotions

Triumphing Over Trying Transitions

II Cor. 12:7-10

- Transitions can be intimidating and rough; they also start and end
- Make this transition with God and each other.

I. Extreme Emotions

A. Out of the _____

- ⇒ These things are not something that you have ever dealt with before.
- ⇒ They might be common to others but new to you.

B. Out of the Heart

- ⇒ These are the things that we didn't think about and it seems like we can't control.

C. Out of a Known Source

1. Menopause/Perimenopause

- Menopause is when a woman stops having a monthly cycle for 12 consecutive months. This can start in a woman's early 40's and as late as her mid 50's. The average age is 51 years old.
- Perimenopause is the time period leading up to menopause from ages 37-53. This involves the symptoms of menopause but is not the complete shut down of the ovaries. This usually starts 4 years before menopause.
- Symptoms of Menopause (justbetweenus.org/life/everyday-life/managing-menopause/)

- Hot Flashes
 - Night Sweats
 - Irregular Periods – changes in cycle (shorten or lengthen); changes in flow (increase or decrease)
 - Hemorrhaging
 - Short-term memory loss
 - Weight gain (additional 10 pounds or more)
 - Unstable emotions
 - Emotions that are difficult to define
 - Elusive sense of well-being
 - Fatigue
 - Dizziness
 - Loss of Libido and Vaginal Dryness
 - Chest Pains
 - Heart Palpitations
 - Bladder dysfunction
 - Osteoporosis
 - Anxiety
 - Edginess
 - Depression
 - Headaches
 - Insomnia
 - Irritability
 - Mood Changes
- There are other changes in life at this time that add to the difficulty.
 - Women deal with depression more than men.
 - Children entering adulthood no longer needing you.
 - Your body beginning to “break down”
 - You begin to look old and you can’t stop it or hide it.

2. A Midlife _____ – Man-o-pause

- A Midlife Crisis is a transition of identity and self-confidence that can occur in middle-aged individuals, typically 45 to 65 years old. The phenomenon is described as a psychological crisis brought about by events that highlight a person's growing age, inevitable mortality, and possibly lack of accomplishments in life. This may produce feelings of intense depression, remorse, and high levels of anxiety, or the desire to achieve youthfulness or make drastic changes to their current lifestyle or feel the wish to change past decisions and events. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midlifecrisis>)
- Lowering Testosterone Symptoms are:
 - Change in sleep patterns
 - Reduced sex drive (low libido)
 - Sexual dysfunction
 - Infertility
 - Emotional changes
 - Memory Loss
 - Decreased strength
 - Feeling tired and fatigued
 - Weight gain
 - Loss of body hair
 - Loss of beard growth
 - Reduced muscle mass

- Like women, men also face other changes in life during this time
 - Children entering adulthood and leaving the house; you evaluate their readiness and your “failures”.
 - Your body is beginning to “break down”
- Men face these things often with no one to confide in because there are some things men don’t talk about. They instead just joke about them.

3. An Injury/Event

- Brain trauma can greatly affect one’s mood and actions.
 - No two brain injuries are alike.
 - A brain injury can change the type of person you are.
 - *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life* – Daniel G. Amen MD was a great resource for me.
 - There are other trauma events that can cause serious damage to one’s emotional state – PTSD, postpartum anxiety, abuse, psychotropic drug abuse, alcohol and other drug abuse, etc.
- ⇒ I am not qualified to speak authoritatively about any of these. This is a brief overview. I encourage you to do diligent research on your own. If there are problems of extreme emotions, there is a good chance there is a source. That source may or may not be sinful selfishness.

D. Out of Nowhere

- Sudden or Slow Surprise
- “Answers” may not be helping or are conflicting depending on whom you talk with.
- Your Spouse may be at the “end” of being able to help.

II. Triumphant Over These Trying Transitions

A. _____

1. Diet

- A low glycemic diet is preferable for good health.
- Make healthy choices and develop good micro habits

2. Exercise

- This needs to be something you can do – realistic and reachable
 - Walking as a couple has more than exercise benefit.
 - Push your body past your brain pain.
 - In diet and exercise accountability goes a long way!

3. Doctors

- Doctors don't know everything, but you can trust them
- A second opinion **of a doctor** is a good thing
- Holistic approaches can be effective, but be careful. Remember that everybody is selling something. Sometimes what they're selling is really good but other times it's just snake oil.

4. Medication

- Sometimes there is a very obvious physical deficiency that can be addressed with a drug. (i.e. hypothyroidism, hysterectomy, etc.)
- Remember sometimes physical reactions are the result of personal decisions – anger and high blood pressure are related.
- Psychotropic drugs should be used with great caution and as temporarily as possible. Sometimes the cure can be worse than the disease.
- There are parts of the brain that might have a struggling or overactive part that needs addressing. I suggest a SPECT scan. These measure the level of blood flow in the brain.

5. Couples Advice:

- Work on a plan of working together to address these things physically - dieting and exercising together.
- Study your struggle together
 - Medical treatments vary concerning these things. You should spend time studying it. There are so many factors that play a part. Things like estrogen, progesterone, testosterone, stroke, heart disease, blood clots, cancer, osteoporosis, family history, etc.
- Take time to have physical touching that doesn't involve sex.
 - Remember men get help from sex and women get help from affection.
- Find a doctor that you trust. Trusting a good doctor is the best default.

B. Mentally/Emotionally

⇒ **STOP** – Stop – Temper – Optimism – Partake

 *I Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

⇒ Spend more time speaking to yourself than listening to yourself.

⇒ Be careful of scams. You are very vulnerable in times like this. You can throw away a lot of money and hope in things that don't help.

⇒ Couples Advice:

- Avoid major decisions during these times.
- Beware of getting emotional help from someone of the opposite sex.
- Be willing to cancel things that are cluttering up your emotions. (i.e. social media, certain friends, news/talk radio, etc.)

C. Spiritually – Be set free in Jesus! (*John 8:36*)

1. Free from Sin (*Rom. 6:22*)

- You can't ignore your sin and not pay a price!
- Calling something sin gives it the provision of the blood of Jesus.
- Don't beat yourself up. You're not here because of your sin. But don't magnify your problems with more sin.

2. Free from _____

- One frustrated woman, who has emotional ups and downs, said, "I should be able to overcome this. What is wrong with me? I find myself unhappy and living with uncertainty. I go to the Lord, teach Bible studies and listen to tapes, but sometimes I feel bad anyway. I get these waves of anxiety. I can be perfectly fine, and a wave of fear comes." (justbetweenus.org/life/everyday-life/managing-menopause/)
- Triumphant doesn't always look the way we think it should.
- The lesson you learn sometimes is that you made it through still committed to God and each other.
- Where will you be after the storm, not how you look during the storm. (Matt. 7:24-27)

3. Free from _____

- God is not "counting" on you!
- We as Independent Fundamental Baptists (IFB), like to emphasize righteousness and strength. It's ok to be weak.

 *Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

4. Free from Judgment/Expectations of Others

 *1 Peter 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.*

- If someone else doesn't have your struggle, they should have a heart to help, not condemn.

5. Free from Loneliness

- Find someone or another couple that has been through it. (*Titus 2:2-8*)

 *Gal. 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

- Get counsel from Godly people who have been through "It".
 - "It" means a hard time. They may not have gone through exactly what you did.
 - There is no "one size fits all" answer. Beware of people who tell you what to do, instead of giving you guiding principles.

 *II Cor. 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

6. Free from Time

- Life is a movie, not a snap shot.
- "Most Gladly" took Paul some time. He learned a great lesson of grace – grace from God and grace to others. (II Cor. 12:7-10)

 *II Co 12:7-10 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

7. Free from Quitting (*Rom 8:31-39*)

- There is no magic pill.
- You will have to suffer to make it.
- Count the cost and suffer together.

PASTOR STEVE BRUDNAK

8. Free from Bitterness (*Heb. 12:15-17*)

9. Couples Advice:

- Talk with your Pastor together.
- Get a person who is godly that can help you.
- Call my wife & me for help: my cell 417-773-9843
- Get a verse list that you can spiritually digest.
- Be faithful to church, especially when you don't feel like it.
- Journal your thoughts and declare your freedom in Jesus.
- Text message your spouse sometimes and you will be able to open up more. Follow it up with face to face.

Conclusion

Enter into your new place with God and each other.

What Your Spouse Needs

Genesis 2:15-25; 1 Peter 3:1-7

God created each gender with different _____. With those different roles, He also made us have different needs. Identifying, understanding, and meeting our spouse's needs can bring great _____ to our marriage. The great need of a wife from her husband is emotional _____ supplied by spiritual leadership. For the husband, his great need from his wife is a genuine _____ coupled with a wife's desire to remain a challenge for her husband. Let's see how this looks in everyday life.

How does a husband provide security for his wife? 1 Peter 3:7

1. He becomes a spiritual _____ at home. Initiative with a _____ spirit. *Mark 10:42-45*. You can make a decision and she knows it's for the family, not you.
2. He provides physical _____.
 - Food – he is the “bread winner.”
 - Clothing – she should not feel guilty
 - Hugs

- Shelter – repairs done
 - Transportation
 - Insurance
 - Health care
3. He displays his reliance and _____ for his wife verbally. She needs to be needed.
 4. He cherishes her by showing _____ in her presence. Aware of her desires and needs at all times. Nothing or no one is more important than her.
 5. He must give quantity and quality _____. Date nights, her agenda, set appointments, and spontaneous moments.
 6. He needs to help her make her _____ a home. It's fixed when she says it; it's done when she says it is.
 7. He needs to be _____ to her in four areas:
 - Never threaten her!
 - Never get involved with _____!
 - Never compare or praise other women over your wife!
 - Never leave an _____ problem!

How does a wife give respect to her husband? *1 Peter 3:1-6*

1. Verbal _____ of affirmation. His identity is more connected to what he does than a woman would be.
2. Trust him. Believe the Lord will _____ through your husband.
3. Submission is the _____ form of praise.
4. Stay a challenge for your husband: *Proverbs 31:23-31*
 - Physically: take care of your _____, dress up, and look nice when you go out.
 - Mentally: know about the _____ of your husband. Read, research, and relate.
 - Socially: have _____ with others. Have a life of your own.
5. Spiritually: grow in your walk with the _____. Devotions, church attendance, and ministry.
6. Learn and apply biblical principles of appeal.
 - Do you have the _____ motives?
 - Is this the _____ time?
 - Have you thought out your _____?

- Will you have the right _____ if he says no?
- Your greatest influence on your husband is a “meek and quiet spirit.”

The Most Important Word in the Bible on Prayer

📖 *Luke 11:5-8 – “And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.”*

Introduction: Never has the word been used in a prayer that our Father did not answer that request!

👉 Definition of Importunity: “A helpless urgent consistency:

- Closest idea to it is “*James 5:16*”...”The effectual fervent prayer...”
- Importunity is only mentioned once in the Scriptures! And yet the concept is found in all great answers to prayers..

1. Three Ways Never to Pray:

- Don't let your prayers be _____.

* *Phil. 4:6*

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- * Be specific in your requests.
- Don't let your prayers be _____.
- * *James 4:3*
- * Ask your request in "Jesus' name for Jesus' sake."
- * The request is for God's glory, not your immediate good.
- Don't let your prayers be _____.
- * *Luke 11:8*
- * Keep asking, knocking, and seeking.
- The neighbor's prayer in Luke 11 was not hazy, crazy, or lazy!.

2. A Mother's Importunity – Matthew 15:21-28

- Jesus will cross all _____ to answer a prayer of importunity. – vs.21
- * (Only time Jesus ever leaves Israel)
- She had _____ – now or never. – vs. 22
- Sometimes, He is silent for a period of our testing. – vs. 23-24

- She is _____ and knows only the Lord Jesus can save her daughter. – vs. 25
- Her _____ to see her prayer answered and her _____ to know He would is a model to us all. – vs. 26-27
- The Lord answered her helpless, urgent, consistency! – vs. 28

3. Know that Importunity Gets God's _____
– *Exodus 32:11&14*

- God was going to destroy Israel except Moses, but Moses prayed a helpless, urgent, consistent request and the Lord repented (took a deep breath and sighed).
- Moses' prayer of importunity moved God's heart to spare Israel.
- Your prayer may change you, but they also move God.

Conclusion: *Romans 10:13* – Call out with a helpless, urgent cry to God to save you and He will.

Purposeful Planning

Finding Family Fun

📖 *Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."*

📖 *Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;"*

Purposeful family fun is a catalyst for deep bonding and trust building in a marriage and family. This purposeful fun should be engaging, exciting, edifying and encouraging! A merry heart enriches life in a multitude of ways. Show me a family with a merry heart and I'll show you a family with a firm foundation for spiritual growth.

🔑 PURPOSEFUL - having a purpose: such as meaningful and/or intentional; full of determination

🔑 FUN - what provides amusement or enjoyment

🧠 HOW DO WE DEFINE FAMILY FUN? Each family will have its own definition of what is fun, just as each member of a family would have a different idea of what quantifies as fun. Purposeful family fun should, as stated earlier be:

1. ENGAGING - it should engage the whole person - mentally, physically and spiritually.
2. EXCITING - it should create expectancy that stirs passion
3. EDIFYING - it should instruct and challenge in a positive way
4. ENCOURAGING - it should always be praiseworthy and uplifting

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PURPOSEFUL FAMILY FUN

- ⇒ It fills a natural _____ of the human heart
- ⇒ It is a great tool to _____ and to _____
- ⇒ It strengthens _____ and builds _____

↪ The brilliant physicist Richard Feynman once said, *“Students don’t need a perfect teacher. Students need a happy teacher, who’s gonna make them excited to come to school and grow a love of learning.”*

↪ We could paraphrase Feynman by saying: *“Children don’t need perfect parents. They need happy parents, who are going to be excited about life and cultivate a love for learning.”*

II. THE IMPACT OF HAVING PURPOSEFUL FAMILY FUN

- ⇒ It gives _____ to a spirit of family unity
- ⇒ It _____ the body, soul, and spirit
- ⇒ It sets _____ for your children to follow when they are married and become parents

↳ “Little things are big things disguised as little things.”

III. THE INFLUENCE OF HAVING PURPOSEFUL FAMILY FUN

- ⇒ It _____ bonds of trust
- ⇒ It creates _____ memories
- ⇒ It _____ pleasant lines of communication

↳ “Satan doesn’t need authority over our children, he just needs influence.”

💡 IDEAS FOR HAVING FAMILY FUN

1.

2.

3.

4.

Children's Children *Grandparents Giving Guidance*

 *Deuteronomy 6:1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.*

Husbands are the Head of the Home, according to the Word of God; Mothers are the Heart of the Home. Children are the Hope of the Home; and as Grandparents, we see the Heritage of the Home.

 *Psalm 16:6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.*

I. The _____ of Godly Grandparents *Ps 78:1-7*

A. The Duty of Godly Grandparents- teach your Grandchildren - vs 4

1) The Praises of the Lord

2) The Power of the Lord

- 3) The Provision of the Lord
- B. The Diligence of Godly Grandparents -vs 5 we are commanded to teach them
- 1) Give them Hope - set their hope in God
 - 2) Give them Help - to keep his commandments
- C. The Danger as Godly Grandparents
- 1) That we would have the wrong Focus
 - 2) That we would exercise the wrong F_____ -
 - 3) That we would lose sight of the Future v6

II. The _____ of Godly Grandparents

 *Proverbs 17:6* Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

- A. _____ from the Scriptures
- 1) Igdaliah - a Godly grandfather - *Jeremiah 35:4*
 - 2) Lois - A Godly Grandmother - *2 Timothy 1:5*
- B. Expectations from the Scriptures

 *Proverbs 17:6* Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

III. The _____ from Godly Grandparents

📖 Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

A. The _____ of a Godly Grandparent

↳ *What we can teach them*

1) *How to Develop a Walk with God!*

2) How to Deal with Adversity!

3) How to Distribute with generosity

4) How to Display a Genuine Happy Spirit (attitudes are _____!)

5) How to Die with Grace and Dignity!

B) The _____ of a Godly Grandparent

↳ What we must leave them!

The Five Most Important Truths for a Home

Colossians 3:1-3; 17-21

**1. The most important _____ in the home:
husband and wife. *Ephesians 5:21-33***

1. It is a picture of Christ and the _____
2. It is the key to successful parenting.
3. It is the _____ relationship.
4. This relationship gives security, satisfaction, and success to the entire family unit.

**2. The most important _____ in the home: Jesus Christ.
*Colossians 3:1-3, 17***

1. He is a person in your home by the Holy Spirit.
2. He can either be present, predominant, or _____

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3. What's best for _____ is best for the family.
4. Honor Christ in your home; He will _____ your family.
5. Make His will your family's priority.

3. The most important _____ in the home: when someone else is speaking. *James 1:19*

1. Talking is the easiest thing in the world to do. Communication is the hardest thing in the world to do.
2. Follow the laws of communication: Ephesians 4:26-32
 - a. Be honest
 - b. Keep _____
 - c. Don't attack a person
 - d. Stay away from _____ statements

4. The most important _____ in your home: forgiveness. *Ephesians 4:32.*

1. Don't keep _____ on each other, no luggage.

2. Erase each other's debts quickly. *Matthew 18:21-35*
3. Move on, let God be the _____.
4. Remember all that Christ has forgiven you of.
5. Don't return _____ for evil. 1 Peter 3:8-9
6. What would you want to be given?

**5. The most important _____ in your home:
God's grace.**

1. All great families say the same thing: "It was the grace of God."
2. You receive grace by: submitting to _____
 - a. Humbling yourself
 - b. Giving up your _____
 - c. Esteeming others
 - d. Depending only on Jesus
3. Pride immediately _____ the grace pipeline.

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4. Pray together, laugh together, share together, _____ together, minister together, and God's grace will be _____ on you.

Conclusion:

KNOW RECKON YIELD

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” Hebrews 4:2

☛ **Know** (*Rom. 6:1-10*)

What is true from God’s Word?

☛ **Reckon** (*Rom. 6:11-12*)

What is my plan to memorize & meditate on God’s Word?

☛ **Yield** (*Rom. 6:13-20*)

What is my plan to change my actions & attitudes?

WHAT CHANGES DO I NEED TO MAKE?...

In My Personal Life:

With My Love:

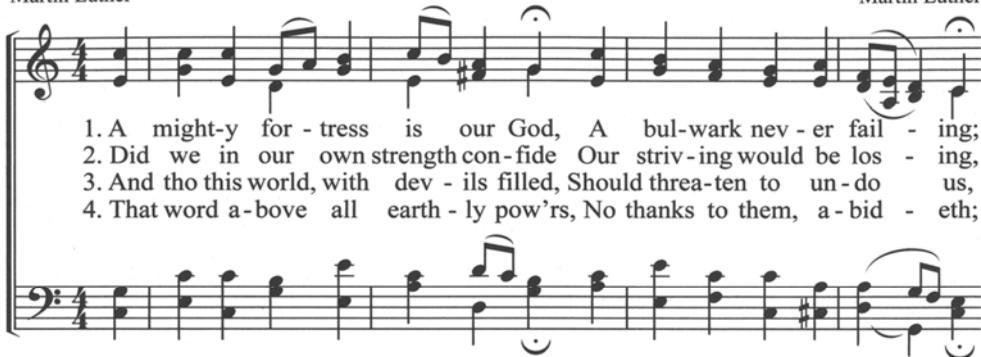
With My Children:

With My Church Family:

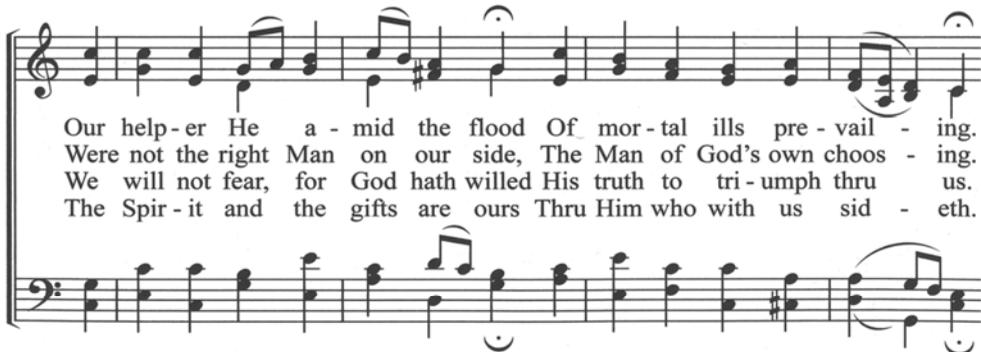
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

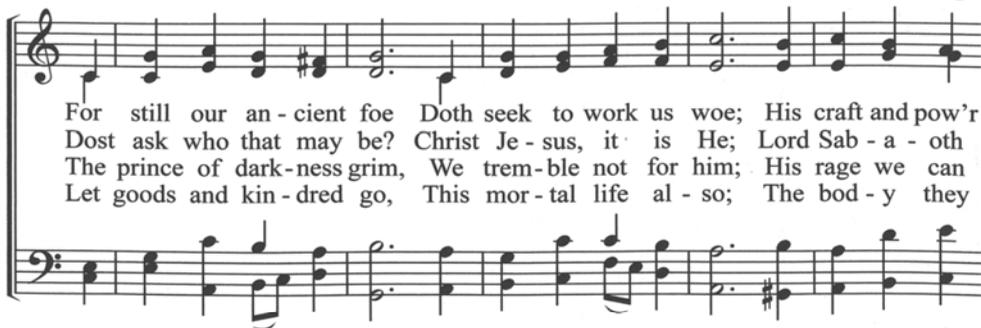
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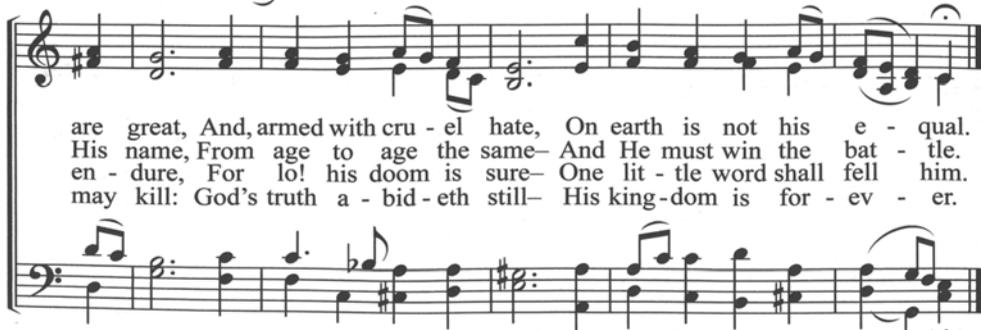
1. A might-y for - tress is our God, A bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide Our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3. And tho this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threa - ten to un - do us,
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph thru us.
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth
The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can
Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they



are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
His name, From age to age the same - And He must win the bat - tle.
en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure - One lit - tle word shall fell him.
may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still - His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Julia H. Johnston

Daniel B. Towner

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, Threat - en the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - vail to
4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured -
in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er - yes, grace un - told -
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide -
all who be - lieve! You that are long - ing to see His face,

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Points to the Ref - uge, the might - y Cross. Grace, grace,
Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,
Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;
in - fi - nite grace,

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Mar - vel - ous grace, in - fi - nite grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

William M. Runyan

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther! There is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, Join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, Strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not: As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-

vid-ed- Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Christ Is All I Need

Unknown

Unknown

1. Christ is all I need, Christ is all I need, All, all I need.
 2. He was cru-ci-fied, For me He died, On Cal-va-ry.

Christ is all I need, Christ is all I need, All, all I need.
 That He loved me so, This is why I know, Christ is all I need.

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Because He Lives

Gloria Gaither and William Gaither

William J. Gaither

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus,
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by,
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er,

He came to love, heal, and for - give;
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

He lived and died to buy my par - don,
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
And then as death gives way to vic - tory,

An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row,

Be-cause He lives all fear is gone; Be-cause I

know He holds the fu-ture. And life is worth the liv-ing

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just be-cause He lives. lives. Be-cause He lives

I can face to-mor-row; Be-cause He lives all fear is

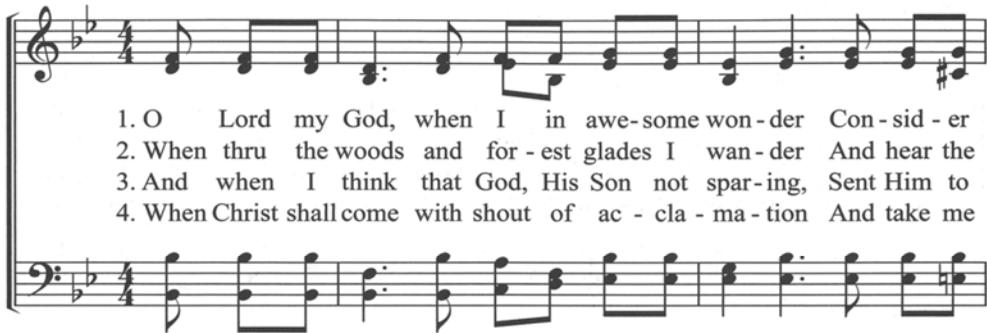
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and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

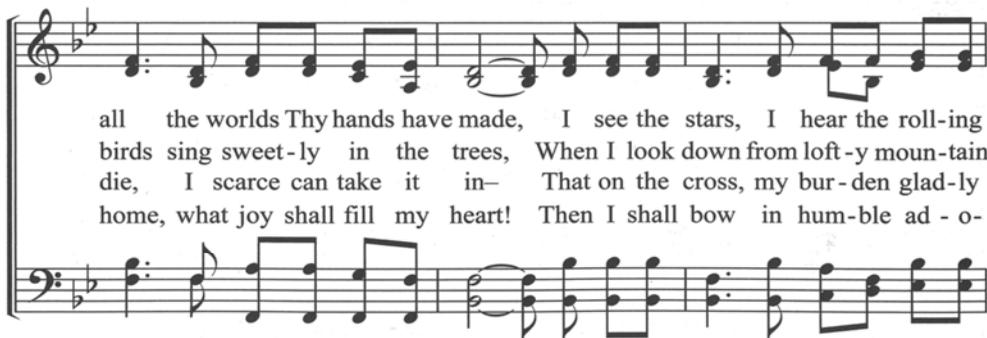
How Great Thou Art!

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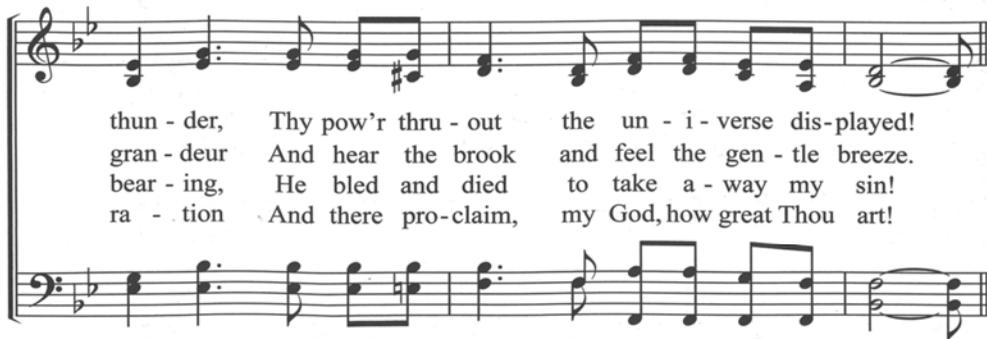
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1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
2. When thru the woods and for-est glades I wan-der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me



all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in- That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, Thy pow'r thru-out the un-i-verse dis-played!
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze.
bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin!
ra-tion And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou art!



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira Stanphill

Ira Stanphill

1. I don't know a-bout to - mor-row, I just live
2. Ev - 'ry step is get-ting bright-er, As the gold -
3. I don't know a-bout to - mor-row, It may bring

from day to day. I don't bor - row from its sun - shine,
en stairs I climb; Ev - 'ry bur - den's get-ting light - er;
me pov - er - ty; But the One Who feeds the spar - row,

For its skies may turn to gray. I don't wor - ry o'er the
Ev - 'ry cloud is sil - ver lined. There the sun is al - ways
Is the One Who stands by me. And the path that be my

fu - ture, For I know what Je - sus said, And to - day
shin - ing, There no tear will dim the eyes, At the end -
por - tion, May be through the flame or flood. But His pres -

I'll walk be - side Him, For He knows what is a - head.
 ing of the rain - bow, Where the moun - tains touch the sky.
 ence goes be - fore me, And I'm cov - ered with His blood.

Man - y things a - bout to - mor - row, I don't seem

to un - der - stand; But I know Who holds to -

mor - row, And I know Who holds my hand.

Standing On The Promises

R. Kelso Carter

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1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thru e - ter - nal
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e -
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry

a - ges let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est I will
storms of doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing word of God I
ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the
mo - ment to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my

shout and sing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand -
Spir - it's sword, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing on the
all in all, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

ing, stand - - - ing, Stand - ing on the
prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - - - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

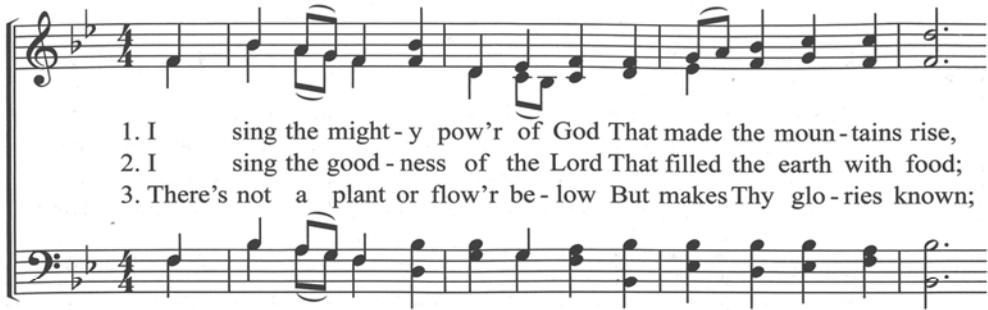
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just two
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each other

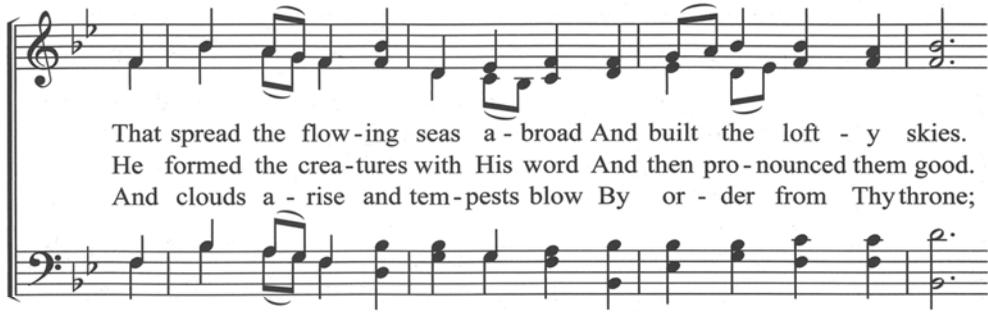
I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Isaac Watts

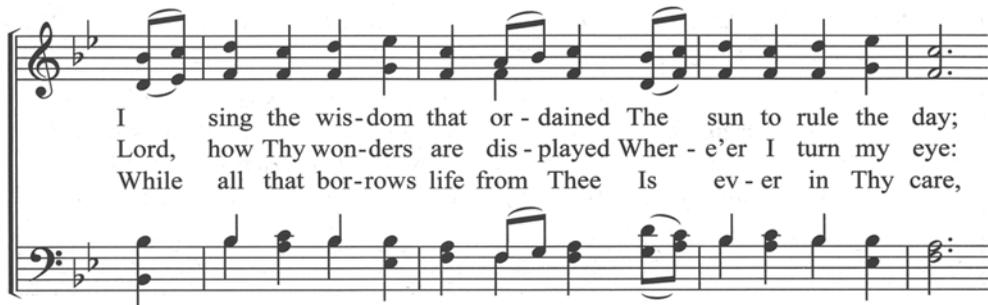
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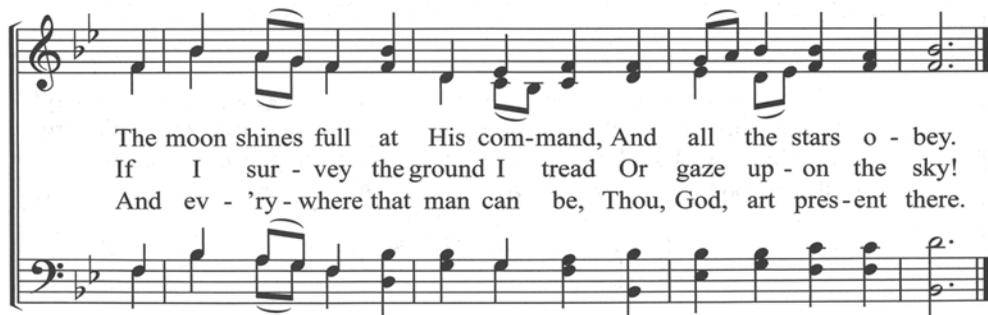
1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow By or-der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,



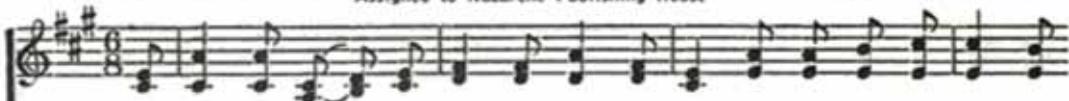
The moon shines full at His com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev-ry-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

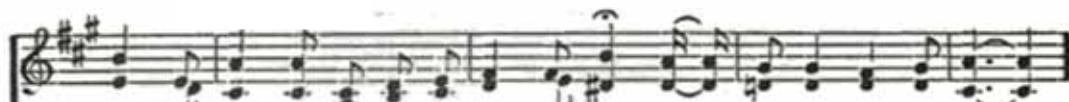
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W. Stillman Martin



1. The blood that Je-sus once shed for me, As my Re-deem-er, up - on the
2. It gives us ac-cess to God on high; From "far-off plac-es" it brings us
3. It is a shel-ter for rich and poor, It is to heav-en the o - pen
4. And when with all the blood-washed throug We sing in glo - ry re-demp-tion's



tree; The blood that setteth the pris'ner free, Will nev - er lose its pow'r.
nigh To pre-cious blessings that nev - er die; It will nev - er lose its pow'r.
door, The sin-ner's mer-it for - ev - er - more; It will nev - er lose its pow'r.
song. We'll pass the glo-ri-ous truth a - long, It has nev - er lost its pow'r.



It will nev - er lose its pow'r, . . . It will nev - er lose its pow'r; . . .
ho - ly pow'r, ho - ly pow'r;



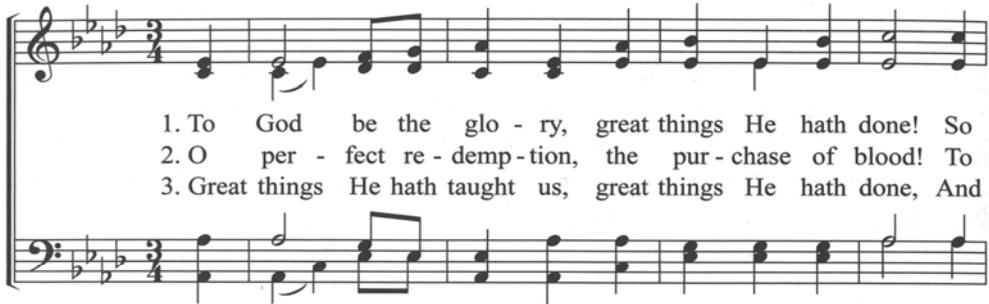
The blood that cleans-es from all sin Will nev - er lose its pow'r.



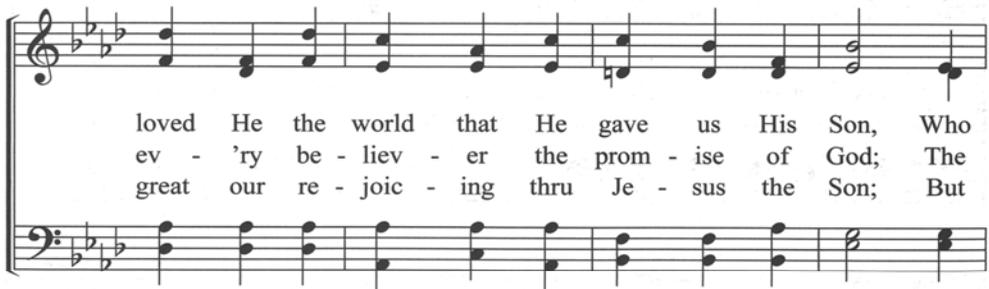
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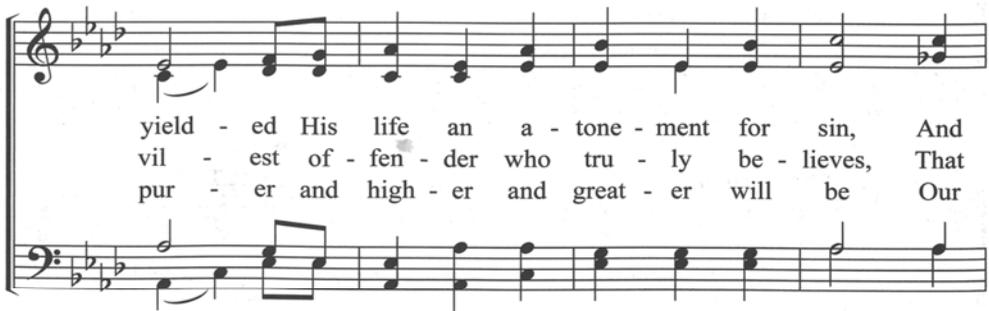
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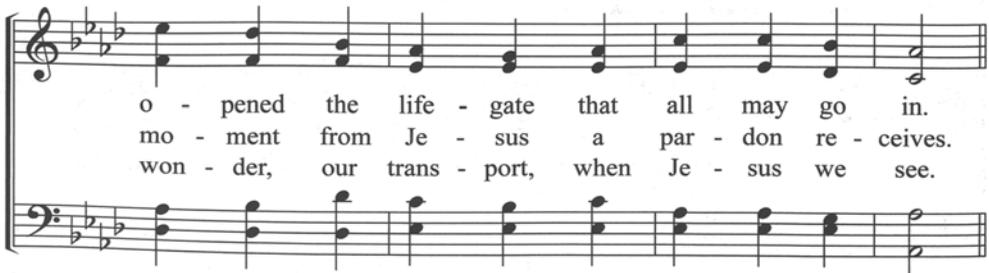
1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done! So
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And



loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who
ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God; The
great our re - joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; But



yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And
vil - est of - fen - der who tru - ly be - lieves, That
pur - er and high - er and great - er will be Our



o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear

His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come

to the Fa - ther thru Je - sus the Son, And

give Him the glo - ry; great things He hath done.

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Giveaways	1	2	3	4	5
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What was the most helpful session to you? _____

What new sessions and new speakers would you like to hear in the future?

What was the highlight of the retreat for you? _____

How has God worked in your marriage this weekend?

Comments: (Help us make it better)

*Optional:

Name: _____

Church: _____

Extreme Emotions - Pastor Steve Brudnak

- I.A. Ordinary
- I.C.2. Crisis
- II.A. Physically
- II.C.2. Winning
- II.C.3. Guilt

Purposefully Parenting - Dr. Jim Schettler

- 1. Purpose
 - ↳ Goals
 - 1.A. influence
 - 1.B. life
 - 1.C. obedience
 - 1.D. seed, kids
- 2. Conscience
 - Promise
 - Conscience
 - Planting
- 3.A. Mercy
 - Lie
 - Fireplace
- * Strict
- * Impatience
- 3.B. Consequences
 - Absence, restoration
- 3.C. Responsibility
 - Privilege
 - Repeat
 - Rules
 - * clear
 - * instruction
 - * example
 - * praise
 - * discussion, decision

- * Privilege

Trusting Times - Pastor Bryan Shaffer

- ⇒ Anticipation and Expectation
- ⇒ Frustration
- ⇒ Hopeless
- ⇒ Exciting Hesitation
- ⇒ God's Grace
- I. Calm soul
- II. Content
- III. Real and intense

Godly Growth - Pastor Brandon Shull

- I. Praise
- II. Worship
 - ↳ Together
- III. Negative
- IV. Sharpens
 - ⇒ Correctable
- V. Jesus

What Your Spouse Needs -Dr. Jim Schettler

responsibilities, joy, security, respect

- 1. leader, servant's
- 2. protection
- 3. need
- 4. value
- 5. time
- 6. house
- 7. committed
 - pornography
 - unresolved
- 1. praise
- 2. work
- 3. highest
 - body

- interests
- fun
- 5. Lord
- right
- right
- wording
- response

Purposeful Planning - Pastor Mike Stanley

- ⇒ Vacuum
- ⇒ Train, teach
- ⇒ family bonds, trust
- ⇒ Expression
- ⇒ Engages
- ⇒ Template
- ⇒ Deepens
- ⇒ Generational
- ⇒ Establishes

Children's Children - Pastor Ken Graham

- I. Importance
- I. C. 2.) Force
- II. Influence
- II. A. Examples
- III. Inheritance
- III. A. Testimony
- III. A. 4.) contagious
- III. B. Treasure

Most Important Word... - Dr. Jim Schettler

- Hazy
- Crazy
- Lazy

- boundaries
- urgency
- helpless
- humility, faith
- 3. Attention

5 Most Important Truths - Dr. Jim Schettler

- 1. relationship
- 1.1. church
- 1.3. authority
- 2. person
- 2.2. preeminent
- 2.3. Christ
- 2.4. honor
- 3. time
- 3.2.a. current
- 3.2.d. 100%
- 4. action
- 4.1. records
- 4.3. judge
- 4.5. evil
- 5. element
- 5.2. authority
- 5.2.b. rights
- 5.3. stops
- 5.4. pull, shed



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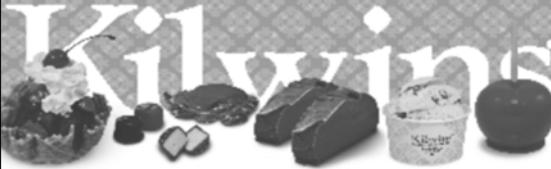
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Couples Inventory

Instructions

- This inventory is for the following purposes:
 - Evaluating where you are in your Spiritual Life
 - Evaluating where you are within your marriage
 - Creating a helpful dialogue with your spouse
 - Exposing areas of excuse
 - Opening your eyes to steps of faith you must take
 - Helping develop a plan to make tangible changes of faith actions
- This is not for any of these purposes:
 - Finding problems with my spouse
 - Creating a pile of guilt (rather start you on a path to take care of one thing at a time)
 - Being a complete “fix-all” to marriage problem (rather a tool to help you get started
 - To be used to cause a fight (rather to create helpful conversation about where your marriage is
- The framework of this inventory follows the core principles of Living United
- Commitment, Love, & Purpose
- Each inventory should be filled out by each individual separately. Once it is completely filled out, go over the results together.

Living – Evaluating my personal Spiritual Life (circle one or fill in the blank)

- I know I am a born again believer – yes – no – I’m not sure
- Where am I at Spiritually
 - Personal time of Bible Reading - _____ x’s per month
 - Personal prayer - _____ x’s per month
 - Family Devotions – Together talking about spiritual things - _____ x’s per month

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- Church Services - _____ x's per month
- Taking steps of faith - _____ x's per month
- Spiritual Inventory Number: Add the above numbers _____ (This does not determine one's spirituality but serves as a gauge of measurement.)
- What wrong/unbiblical thinking/beliefs about marriage have you brought into your marriage?
 - What model of being a husband/wife did you watch growing up?

 - What Biblical command about marriage is easiest for you to follow?

 - What Biblical command about marriage is hardest for you to follow?

 - Are there any areas of Biblical teaching about marriage (i.e. something you've heard your pastor teach, or heard taught at a Living United Couples Retreat) that you disagree with?

United – Commitment

- What is your commitment level to your marriage – till death do us part – I'd leave if there was infidelity – If things get bad, I'm done – I'm considering leaving now – My marriage is almost over
- Does your spouse know your level of commitment? – yes – no
- If you are totally committed to your marriage you must be willing to get help if you are having consistent deep troubles. Are you willing to seek help with your marriage? – yes – no

- Do you believe you need outside help/counseling/coaching with your marriage? – yes – no – maybe

United – Love

- Where is your marriage? – great – good – fair – poor – bad
- Where am I at relationally
 - How often do we fight? – often – sometimes – seldom – never
 - How often do I “lose it” with family? – often – sometimes – seldom – never
 - How often do we have a great day? – often – sometimes – seldom – never
 - How often do we have great conversations? – often – sometimes – seldom – never
 - How often do we have sex? – often – sometimes – seldom – never
- What emotions do I feel when my marriage is strong, fun, and right?

- What Emotions do I have when my marriage is weak, fighting, and wrong?

- What is the best and worst part about my sex life?

- What is my communication sin? (circle all that apply) – yelling – clamming up – passive/aggressive – aggressive – manipulation – accusing – jumping to conclusions – not listening
- Household sins
 - My manly/womanly duties around the house are taken care of – always – sometimes – seldom – never
 - If I get on my spouse’s nerves in this area it would be because – I’m overly a neat freak – I’m a total slob – I don’t get on their nerves because I have the right balance
- What financial sins do we have?
 - As a couples we – spend too much money – are too tight with our money – are just right with our money

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- My spouse – spends too much money – is too tight with money – is just right with our money
- Our overall financial picture is – crippling debt – manageable debt – no debt, but living paycheck to paycheck with no savings – no debt and also have savings (no debt does not include your house)
- Do we have a written budget? – yes – no
- What is the biggest way we waste money?

- What is the single biggest problem in your marriage?

- What would your spouse say is the single biggest problem in your marriage?

- Does your love look like God’s description? I Cor. 13:4-8 inventory 1-10 scale

(Insert Your Name) suffereth [allows] long, (patient – doesn’t blow stack)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) is kind
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) envieth not
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) vaunteth not itself (brags about self)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) is not puffed up (arrogant)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) Doth not behave itself unseemly (rudely)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) seeketh not [their] own (looking out for self)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

(Insert Your Name) is not easily provoked
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

- (Insert Your Name) thinketh no evil (keeps no accounts of evil)
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) Rejoiceth not in iniquity
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) rejoiceth in the truth
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) Beareth all things
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) believeth all things
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) hopeth all things
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) endureth all things
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
- (Insert Your Name) never faileth:
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

United – Purpose

- If you have children, what are your goals for your children?

- Do you agree on how you discipline your children? – totally – mostly – sometimes – never
- What is your family Bible verse? _____
- What are your ministry goals for you as a couple and for your family?

Work & Changes – What could you do to work on your marriage? (tangible and measurable changes)

- Go over each other’s inventory and discuss your answers.
- If you have gotten to this point, and you consistently fight, it is a sign you have communication problems. Try to listen more than talk. When you talk make sure not to

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accuse your spouse. Don't use absolutes like never, always, every, etc. Remember, keep your focus on yourself and what you need to fix.

- What does your "Spiritual Inventory Number" (see above) say about your spiritual life?

- How do you plan to change your schedule and routine to spend more time with God?

- What's the number one way you have hurt your spouse? Get that right, right now!
- List the top two things you need to work on as an individual. (only two, no more and no less)

1.

2.

- What could you do to help your spouse make the changes they see they need to make?
- Write out what your spouse thinks you need to work on. Remember this is not what you think you need to work on, but what you think they think you need to work on. Do they agree?

- List the top two specific things you need to work on as a couple. (only two, no more and no less)

1.

2.

- End with a long (15 seconds or more) kiss!