

Retreat Schedule

Same Sessions / Same Speakers / Different Days

Thursday/Friday Retreat	2022 LIVING UNITED COUPLES RETREAT BRANSON, MO	Friday/Saturday Retreat
Thursday Feb. 17th	Retreat Day 1	Friday Feb. 18th
2:00pm-3:00pm	General Session #1 Pastor Steve Brudnak	2:00pm-3:00pm
3:30pm-4:15pm	Elective Sessions:	3:30pm-4:15pm
	Character Construction-Building Character in your Children Pastor Ted Patterson- Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg	
	Marriage Reality-Lining Up Your Marriage to Reality Pastor Jon Horton - Great Hall	
	Heartbroken Home-Addiction's Effect on the Home & the Way Out Pastor Rick Carter Jr. - Edinburgh/Vienna	
4:45pm-6:30pm	General Session #2 Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen	4:45pm-6:30pm
Dinner Break & Dismiss for the Evening		
Friday Feb. 18th	Retreat Day 2	Saturday Feb. 19th
8:00am-9:30am	General Session #3 Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen	9:00am-10:30am
9:45am-10:30am	Elective Sessions:	Lunch Break/Checkout
	Special Needs- Raising Special Needs Children Pastor Adam Riveiro - Edinburgh/Vienna	12:45pm-1:30pm
	Money Matters- Managing Money Wisely Together Pastor Michael Starbuck -Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg	
	Revival Marriage- Growing Together Spiritually Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen - Great Hall	
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2023 Couples Retreat

February 16 & 17 | February 17 & 18



October 21-22, 2022

2022 Couples Retreat

CHICAGO LAND



Featured Speaker

Pastor Jason Gaddis



FEATURED PREACHER

Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen



For forty-five years, Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen has been in the pastoral ministry, thirty-five of those years serving as the senior pastor of Falls Baptist Church. He and his wife Beverly have been married forty-six years. They have six children, five of whom are married. Their son, Wayne III, is a long-term brain tumor survivor and his story has helped to shape their life and ministry. Pastor and Mrs. Van Gelderen are blessed to be grandparents of twenty grandchildren.

During his ministry at Falls Baptist Church, he has led in the training of hundreds of members in evangelism and discipleship with the result of thousands coming to Christ through the outreaches of the church. He is passionate about every believer being trained to be an effective disciplemaker. This training passion has expanded to the next generation through Baptist College of Ministry, founded twenty-one years ago by Falls Baptist Church. Nearly four hundred graduates are now serving the Lord around the world.

Falls Baptist Church hosts the annual Victory Conference, a conference to encourage pastors and believers around the world with important truths of spiritual victory and revival. Dr. Van Gelderen serves on the boards of various ministries and is excited to see what God will do in the days ahead as God's people seek His face for revival.

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. From 1998 - 2003, he pastored Calvary Baptist Church in Charles City, Iowa. 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 15 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 26 years, Melissa. They have 3 sons, Josiah, Jeremiah, and Zachariah.

SESSION PREACHERS

Pastor Rick Carter



Dr. Rick Carter was saved in May of 1980 and called to the ministry in 1992. He started two churches in Kansas before going to school at Beth Haven Baptist Seminary, where he received his Undergraduate Diploma of Theology and Graduate Diploma in Biblical Counseling in 2003. After graduation, Dr. Carter spent a year and a half traveling as an evangelist, before starting a church in Oregon, where he finished his post-graduate diploma in the Philosophy of Biblical Counseling. In 2007, Dr. Carter wrote and founded the H.O.P.E. International Addictions Program, which is now used in many churches around the world. In October 2008, Dr. Carter was called to be the pastor

of Beth Haven Baptist Church and assumed the presidency of Beth Haven Baptist Seminary. He and his wife, Angela, have been married for 28 years. They have been blessed with four children and five grandchildren.

Preachers

Pastor Jon Horton



Pastor Horton has been pastoring the Gospel Light Baptist Church of Malvern, Arkansas, for the past 21 years. Pastor Horton was saved at a camp meeting in Resaca, Georgia at Faith Baptist Camp, when he was 10 years old. Pastor Horton and his wife Teresa moved to Arkansas after Bible college in July of 2000 and had the privilege of helping to plant Gospel Light. Pastor Horton and his wife Teresa have been married for 26 years, and they have four children, Anthony, Ashley, AJ, and Andrew.

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Pastor Ted Patterson



Pastor Ted Patterson and his wife, Martina have been married for thirty five years. They reside in Jacksonville, Arkansas where he has served as senior pastor of Jacksonville Baptist Temple for nearly twenty eight years. God has used Pastor Patterson and Jacksonville Baptist Temple to send one missionary to the field of Uganda and to plant three churches—two in Arkansas (Hot Springs and Newport), and one in Huntsville, AL. To the glory of God, the Pattersons' four adult children are actively serving in various capacities within the ministry of Jacksonville Baptist Temple. They are also grandparents to grandsons Kamden (7) and Kaison (5).

Pastor Adam Riveiro



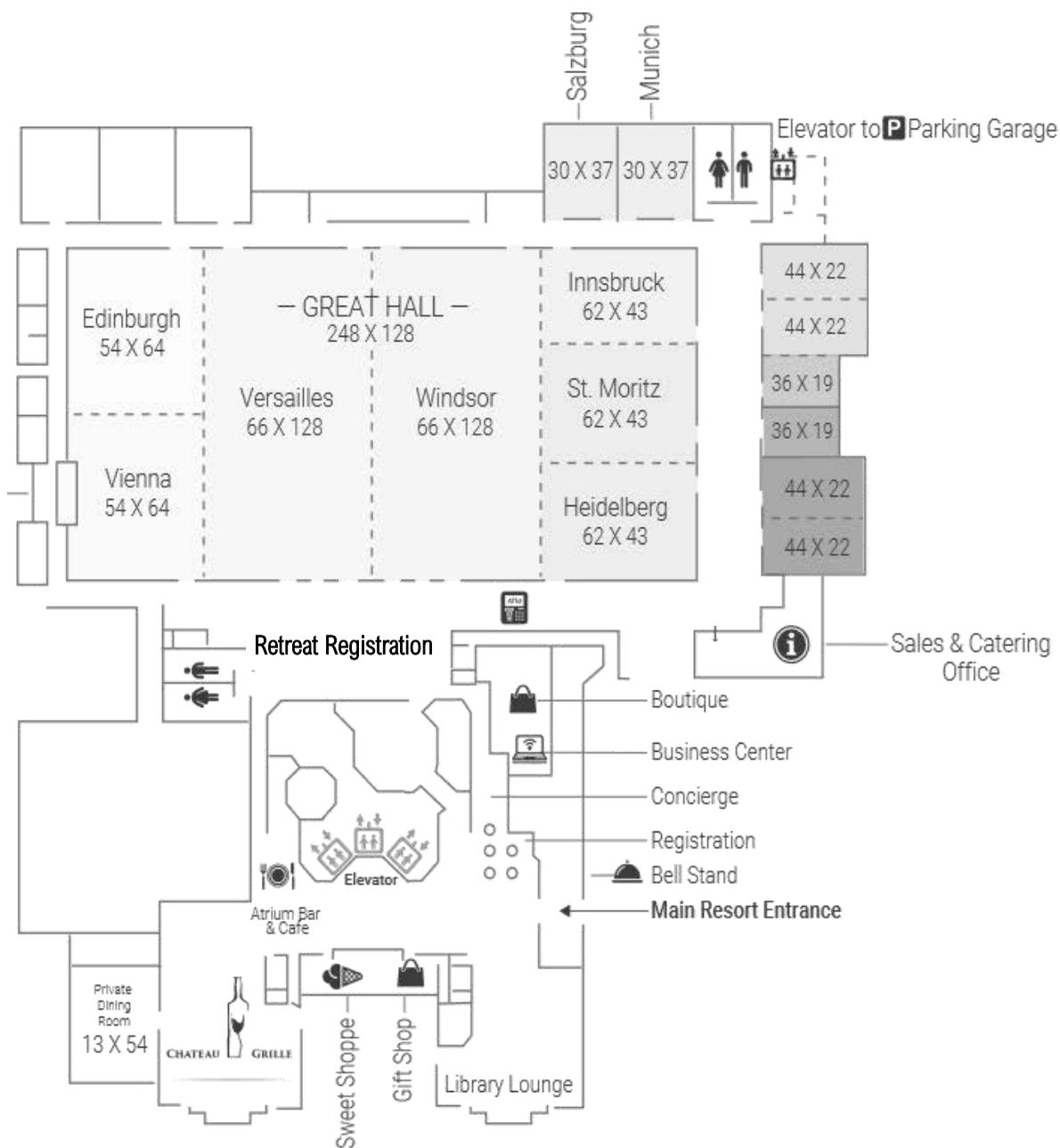
Pastor Adam Riveiro was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. He began attending West Gate Christian School during the sixth grade. As a direct result of Bible teaching and preaching, Adam received Christ as his Savior at the age of sixteen. Two years later, he visited the Boston area on his senior trip. It was on this trip that Adam fell in love with the area. In 2001, began to attend Heartland Baptist Bible College. It was there he met his future wife Dianne while they both worked in the school cafeteria. Two years after the couple met, they were married at Bible Baptist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. In 2005, Adam graduated with a bachelors in pastoral studies, while Dianne graduated with her associates in church education. After graduation, the Riveiro family moved back to Tampa to serve at West Gate Baptist Church. Adam served as the youth director and music director at West Gate, and was a part-time faculty member at Florida Baptist College. In addition, both Adam and Dianne taught at West Gate Christian School. The Riveiros served at West Gate for seven years. In the fall of 2011, God laid it on the hearts of the Riveiros to plant a church in the Boston area. After a time of planning and prayer, the town of Easton was chosen as the area to plant Liberty Baptist Church. LBC held its first service at Parkview School on June 9, 2013. Adam and Dianne have four children: Bethany, Kaylee, AJ, and Peyton.

Pastor Michael Starbuck



Pastor Starbuck and his wife, Rachel, serve the Lord at Calvary Baptist Church in Beloit, KS. Michael has been in Beloit since 2011 and has served as Associate Pastor and now as Pastor. Michael and Rachel have been married for 26 years and have been blessed with six children, four of which are married. They have 3 grandchildren and two more on the way.

Map of Chateau



FIRST DAY SESSION LOCATIONS

CHARACTER CONSTRUCTION (*Pastor Ted Patterson*) - Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg

Building Character in Your Children

MARRIAGE REALITY (*Pastor Jon Horton*) - Great Hall

Lining Up Your Marriage to Reality

HEARTBROKEN HOME (*Pastor Rick Carter, Jr.*) - Edinburg/Vienna

Addiction's Effect on the Home & the Way Out

NURSERY - **Salzburg & Munich**

SECOND DAY SESSION LOCATIONS

SPECIAL NEEDS (*Pastor Adam Riveiro*) - Edinburg/Vienna

Raising Special Needs Children

MONEY MATTERS (*Pastor Michael Starbuck*) - Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg

Managing Money Wisely Together

REVIVAL MARRIAGE (*Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen*) - Great Hall

Growing Together Spiritually

NURSERY - **Salzburg & Munich**

The Reality of Marriage Weathering the Storm

📖 *Job 2:6-9, And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.*

🔑 **Job's Response to the Crisis in His Life:**

1. Job refused to _____ God.
2. Job chose to _____ the pain as God's will.
3. Job never lost his _____ in God.
4. Job resisted the _____ from his wife.
5. Job patiently _____ for God's response.

- Marriage is difficult and there are storms that can divide us, or we can use them to strengthen us and learn from them.

↪ **Practical Truths that Have Helped Us Weather Storms:**

1. Stay _____ to your walk with God.
2. Remember to give both _____ and _____
_____ in your relationship.
3. Never make _____ decisions during a crisis.
4. Keep your _____.
5. Have a spiritual _____ you can go to for advice.

Heartbroken Home
Addictions Effect on the Home and the Way Out
Ephesians 4:20-24

I. _____ *of addiction*

A. _____ stimulants: alcohol, drugs, food, etc.

B. _____ stimulants: pornography, video games, thrill-seeking, etc.

C. _____ excessive hobby, hunting, fishing, golf, etc.

II. The _____ of addiction on the home

A. _____

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B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

III. The _____ of addictions

A. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

IV. The _____ for addictions

A. _____

↪ Deal with the _____ Biblically

↪ _____ the old man and _____

the new man

B. _____

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↪ Have active _____ partners that you are completely honest with engagement in a support community _____ in the New Testament Church

C. _____

↪ Minister to your _____ where you once took from them help _____ trapped in addiction

Growing in Love Living United

Introduction

↪ “Anyone can build an altar; it requires a God to provide the flame. Anyone can build a house; we need the Lord for the creation of a home” John Henry Jowett

↪ One author said: In jest I used to say, “I love all my wife’s relatives, but I love her husband most of all.”

↪ When Frances and I married, I thought I loved her then all that it was possible to do so. But after more than fifty-seven years, when she went to be with the Lord, I loved her so much more that words could not express it. Herschel Hobbs

↪ Unless biblical principles are followed in marriage, the flesh will prohibit a couple from realizing their fullest potential.

📖 *Psalm 127:1 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.*

I. A _____ Love (Eph. 5:31-32)

↪ The comic strip said a lot about the world’s view of marriage:

- ↪ One character said, “You know, it’s odd—but now that I’m actually engaged I’m starting to feel nervous about getting married!” The other character replied, “I know what you’re thinking. It’s only natural to be nervous! Marriage is a big commitment. Seven or eight years can be a long time!”

- ↪ In 1995 The Council on Families in America had their report to the nation entitled *Marriage in America*. The council was a diverse group of experts reflecting a wide range of opinions about politics, philosophy, and public policy. The report began by stating: “America’s divorce revolution has failed. The evidence of failure is overwhelming. The divorce revolution—by which we mean the steady displacement of a marriage culture by a culture of divorce and unwed parenthood—has created terrible hardships for children. It has generated poverty within families. It has burdened us with unsupportable social costs. It has failed to deliver on its promise of greater adult happiness and better relationships between men and women.” It went on to say: “We as a society are simply failing to teach the next generation about the meaning, purposes, and responsibilities of marriage. If this trend continues, it will constitute nothing less than an act of cultural suicide.”

- ↪ The report gives the staggering statistics on the rise of divorce in America. “Only 14 percent of white women who married in the early 1940s eventually divorced, whereas almost half of white women who married in the late 1960s and early 1970s have already been divorced. For African-American women, the figures are 18 percent and nearly 60 percent. For the average American, the probability that a marriage taking place today will end in divorce or permanent separation is calculated to be a staggering 60 percent.”

A. God’s creation of marriage

1. Perfect plan for human race

 *Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

2. Perfect and mystical union

 *Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

 “Cleave”: *dabaq* = cling to; tightly joined together; idea of husband and wife glued together permanently

 ILLUSTRATION: 5 ply plywood - damage done when the sheets of wood are separated

3. Permanence was God’s original intention

 *Mark 10:2-8 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

 The commandment was given in Deuteronomy to protect the wife.

 At that time in history, a man could divorce his wife by simply stating the fact.

B. God’s reaction to divorce

1. God hates divorce

 *Malachi 2:14-16 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. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

- Breaks the companionship - “one who is knit together, closely woven together”
- Breaks a sacred covenant
- Causes great hurt and grief
- Destroys the oneness -the vital purpose of seeking a godly seed

 “The most important causal factor of declining child well-being is the remarkable collapse of marriage, leading to growing family instability and decreasing parental investment in children” (Marriage in America, p. 5).

 Gary Richmond in Reader’s Digest concludes that divorce is a major source of insecurity, loss of trust, excessive peer pressure, mental illness, perversion, immorality and crime in the lives of children.

 D.L. Stewart in the Wall Street Journal states of his own situation: “All this marital coming and going makes holidays a nightmare. We are one big, confused family. What was supposed to be a [family] tree turned out to be an out-of-control thicket that divides and multiplies like some crazed amoeba.”

2. God forbids divorce

II. A Consecrated Love (*Eph. 5:1-3*)

A. _____

1. Emotionally

 *1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;*

 *1 Timothy 5:2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.*

- Beware of romance novels (even Christian) and programs
- Avoid all opposite gender relationships
 - Prepare children to be single-minded by avoiding the modern dating game
 - Cultivate one another as best friends

2. Physically

 Coping the wrong way. Habits are like a cable. Each day we do something in a pattern we intertwine one thread with another. As the threads are woven together, a cable is formed. On any particular day, the thread we added was too small to be noticed. But, after many threads have been woven in, we find that together they have become a practically-unbreakable cable.

📖 *Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

📖 *Ephesians 5:11-12 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.*

- Our hearts and minds must be guarded - exercise control over the television, internet, and reading material
- Our life situations must be guarded by strong guidelines and accountability

📖 *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

B. Spiritually-minded

↪ **ILLUSTRATION:** The great missionary David Brainerd, who spent his brief life (he died before the age of thirty) ministering to American Indians, wrote in his journal these words: "I never got away from Jesus and him crucified. When my people were gripped by this great evangelical doctrine of Christ and him crucified, I had no need to give them instructions about morality. I found that one followed as the sure and inevitable fruit of the other."

- ⇒ He also said this in another place: "I find my Indians begin to put on the garments of holiness and their common life begins to be sanctified even in small matters when they are possessed by the doctrine of Christ and him crucified."
- ⇒ What Brainerd was saying was this: when a Christian realizes who Christ is and what Christ has done for him so graciously, as we have been

seeing, it tends to have a dramatic effect on this life, not only in salvation but in holiness.

1. Dedicate unconditionally

 *Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.*

- Continual God-consciousness and praise (v. 19)
- Comprehensive thankfulness (v. 20)
- Complete submission (v. 21)

2. Depend completely

 *Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

 **ILLUSTRATION:** A little girl once said in response to a question about how to deal with temptation: “When Satan comes knocking at the door of my heart, I send Jesus to answer the door. When Satan sees Jesus, he says, “Oops, I am sorry, I must have the wrong house.”

III. A _____ Love (*Eph. 5:33*)

A. Fellowship with God

📖 *Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

📖 *Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

↪ “Men mistakenly expect women to think, communicate, and react the way men do; women mistakenly expect men to feel, communicate, and respond the way women do. We have forgotten that men and women are supposed to be different. As a result, our relationships are filled with unnecessary friction and conflict” (John Gray, *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*, p. 10).

↪ A stranger was walking down a residential street and noticed a man struggling with a washing machine at the doorway of his house. When the newcomer volunteered to help, the homeowner was overjoyed, and the two men together began to work and struggle with the bulky appliance. After several minutes of fruitless effort, the two stopped and just stared at each other in frustration. They looked as if they were on the verge of total exhaustion. The stranger said to the man, “I can’t believe we cannot get this washing machine into the house.” The homeowner replied, “I wasn’t taking it in, I was taking it out.”

1. God made man to lead in understanding truth and the will of God.

↪ ILLUSTRATION: My father’s concept of his responsibility to my mother

📖 *Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

2. God made women to have a sensitivity to personal relationships and therefore an understanding of the heart of God.

B. Service for God

📖 *Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

📖 *Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

C. Submission to one another's needs (*Eph. 5:21*)

👉 ILL. Sir Ernest Shackleton was asked to tell of his most terrible moment in the Arctic. He said his worst was one night in an emergency hut. He and his fellows were lying there; he rather apart from the rest. They had given out the ration of the last biscuits. There was nothing more to divide. Every man thought the other was asleep. He sensed a stealthy movement and saw one of the men turning to see how the others were faring. He made up his mind that all were asleep and then stretched over the next man and took his biscuit bag and removed the biscuit. Shackleton lived through an eternity of suspense. He would have trusted his life in the hands of that man. Was he turning out a thief under terribly tragic circumstances? Stealing a man's last biscuit!

↪ Then Shackleton sensed another movement. He saw the man open his own box, take the biscuit out of his own bag and put it in his comrade's, and return the man's biscuit and stealthily put the bag back at the man's side. Shackleton said, "I dare not tell you that man's name. I felt that act was a secret between himself and God."

- "First, notice the *necessity of mutual submission*. Verse 21 is the transition verse between the two major paragraphs of the chapter. It uses the same Greek word for submission which is applied to the wife in the remainder of the chapter. Observe that this verse is talking about a mutual submission to one another. Whenever I talk to young couples who desire to be married, I start here; for in marriage, both parties lose the independent exercise of their personal rights. That goes for the man as well as the woman. The man loses his independence in the marriage relationship just as the woman loses hers. Failure to recognize this has led to many a divorce.
- The second thing to be observed is *the meaning of the word submission*. The Greek word used is a military word, *hupotasso*. Its basic meaning is to put oneself in lower rank. That does not mean that the person in the lower rank is of less worth or wisdom than the person in higher rank" (John E. Ashbrook, *Family Fundamentals*, p. 18).

1. Submission of the wife

- Acknowledge your husband's God-given position

📖 *I Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

- Remember that you were created for your husband

 *I Corinthians 11:9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.*

- Understand your God-given role—completer

 *Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

 *Proverbs 31:23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.*

- Serve your husband as the church does Christ

 *Titus 2:4-5 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

Keeper of his children

Keeper of his home

Keeper of his heart

 *Proverbs 31:11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*

 Keeper of his desire

b 2. Leadership of the husband

 *I Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to*

knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

- a. Make a biblical home for your wife—according to knowledge of her as the weaker vessel.

Follower

- Her whole life is wrapped up in you—completer
- She needs open communication
- She needs stable security—financially, protective leadership, enablement of her nesting need
 - ↳ ILLUSTRATION: Sign in wallpaper store, “Husbands choosing colors must have notes from wives”
- She needs to feel the most valuable person in your life
 - Not compared to anyone else
 - Loved unconditionally
 - ↳ ILLUSTRATION: Woman losing weight
 - Praised— “Delight thyself”
 - ↳ ILLUSTRATION: Billy Sunday— “Try praising your wife, even if it frightens her at first”

Woman

- Physical limitations
- Privilege of bearing children - respect, protect, be grateful - BEAUTIFUL AND SACRED

b. Give honor to your wife as a co-heir

D. To _____ a godly seed

↪ “Couples who separate end up with deep hurts. When there are children (and there are millions), they suffer the most. In addition to the millions who actually separate, many couples share a house and children but do not actually have a real home and marriage. Children from such families suffer in many of the same ways that children do whose parents actually separate. All these tragedies do not have to happen. They can be prevented” (John A. Stormer, *Growing Up God’s Way*, p. 163).

- A godly marriage provides stability
- A godly marriage provides training and example

↪ ILLUSTRATION: Hudson Taylor, the famous missionary to China, was once in the U.S.A. on furlough on his birthday. His five-year-old daughter, Maria, couldn’t afford to buy a gift, so she made one. Beaming, she brought him a small piece of wood with a peg stuck in the middle, topped with half a cockle shell. Since Taylor did not recognize the nature of the gift and did not want to grieve her, he took her on his knee and began probing for clues. Finally, Maria exclaimed, “Why Daddy! Don’t you know? It’s a ‘ship! I thought you would like best for your birthday a ship to take you back to China.”

IV. A Productive Love (*Eph. 4:30*)

A. Humility

 *1 Peter 5:5-6 Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

- Conceit is the only disease known to man that makes everyone sick except the one who has it.
- He is impossible to get along with, because he thinks he's impossible to get along without.

 *Philippians 2:3-5 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

- Allows the Spirit of God to control
- Provides the attitude that will solve problems

B. _____

 One man said that in thirty-five years of marriage he and his wife had never spoken a cross word to each other. In his case I suspect that one of three things was true. Either he was not telling the truth, he had a bad memory, or he was so hen-pecked that he dared not open his mouth around his wife.

1. Be honest (4:25)

- Definition of communication
 - a. Dictionary's Definition: *"the imparting or exchanging of information or news."*
 - b. Society's View: *"Society not only continues to exist by transmission, by communication, but it may fairly be said to exist in transmission, in communication."* — John Dewey in *Democracy and Education*, 1916
 - c. Biblical Clarity –See references
 - ✓ *Proverbs 25:11*
 - ✓ *Colossians 4:6*
 - ✓ *Proverbs 15:28*
 - ✓ *Other*
 - d. Genuine Communication means speaking, active listening, understanding and action. The word originates from the Greek *communitas*, meaning community, communicative and *communicatio* means making public, sharing thoughts (Fabian, 2007).

2. Be honest daily (4:26-27)

3. Be honest in way that builds up and never tears down (4:29)

4. Be honest with the right motive (4:30-32)

- ✓ Intentional

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- ✓ Caring
- ✓ Sacrificial
- ✓ Understand, respect, bless, deliver/free

VS.

- ✓ Argue, pass judgment, defend, demand proof

e. Mode (modes of relationship)

- ✓ Eye contact
- ✓ Listening

Communication Problems

Category	Why?	Scripture	Solution
<i>-Lack of understanding of meaningful relationships</i>	Broken homes, passing on relationship difficulties, false relationship perspective due to social media and modern relationships	Ephesians 4:1-3 Philippians 2:5	
<i>-Insecurity</i>	Feeling of a lack of confidence, a lack of protection, anxiety about self	Psalms 37:1-3	
<i>-Shame</i>	An inward emotion affecting how you feel about yourself due to how you may have been treated in your past	Psalms 69:19 Proverbs 19:26	
<i>-Trauma</i>	A deeply disturbing or distressing experience	Psalms 107:13-16	
<i>-Guilt</i>	Inward distress caused by the consciousness of wrong behavior that affects others	1 John 1:9	
<i>-Perfectionism</i>	An overwhelming fear of making mistakes An intense need for things to be done right A fear that harm will be done if things are not done perfectly – makes one hesitant to step out and do things	2 Cor. 12:9-10	
<i>-Technology</i>	Distraction with technology can add up to significantly less in-person quality relationship time	Matt. 6:24-38	
<i>-Busyness and Work</i>	Distraction with busyness does not always equal productivity Often times, busyness is equated with escape from facing real relationship needs	Luke 10:38-42	

Category	Why?	Scripture	Solution
-Materialism	Leads to less of a focus on relationships and more on acquiring possessions Loss of intimacy	1 Timothy 6:7-8	
-Loneliness	Sadness because of no friends or because of not being in the company of others	Isaiah 41:10	
-Depression	Feelings of severe despondency and dejection	1 Peter 5:7	
-Lack of Direction	Not knowing what to do with one's life haphazard living purposelessness	Jeremiah 10:23	
-Sense of Rejection	Feelings of sadness, shame, or grief when one is not accepted by others	Romans 8:28	
-Resentment	A negative emotional reaction to being mistreated	Mark 11:25	
-Bitterness	A feeling of antagonism, hostility, or resentmentfulness	Hebrews 12:13	
-Emotional Reactions	Examples: anger, envy, sadness, fear, outbursts	Eph. 4:31-32	

- ↪ There is a story about a man who wanted to train his mule. The first thing he did was to pick up a big stick and hit the mule a resounding wallop between the ears. As the mule staggered about, someone said to the owner, "What is the matter? Why did you do that." And the man said, "In order to teach a mule, you must first get his attention."

- ↪ Watchman Nee: In the first place, you must make a point of listening to what the person is actually saying, and listening until you know what he is after, which means that you will need to be quiet before God so that your mind is clear and your spirit calm, for listening is not such an easy matter. Let me ask: Are you able intelligently to follow a person right through when he is laboriously seeking to explain his difficulty? I fear that if a score of you were all listening to the same person at the same time, there might be as many impressions of that person's problem as there were listeners.

- ↪ In the second place, when anyone in need talks to us, while they are talking we must discern what they refrain from uttering. Naturally it is more difficult to get a clear registration of unspoken words than of spoken ones, but we must learn to listen so attentively that we discern the inaudible as well as the audible.

- ↪ In the third place, we must be able to detect what their spirits are saying. Beyond all the words a person may utter, and the words he may deliberately refrain from uttering, are what we have referred to as the words his spirit is saying.

- ✓ Time

PASTOR WAYNE VAN GELDEREN

- ✓ Ensure Understanding
- ✓ Engage

*Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort
Of feeling safe with a person;
Having neither to weigh thoughts
Nor measure words,
But to pour them all out just as they are
Chaff and grain together,
Knowing that faithful hand will take and sift them,
Keep what is worth keeping
And then – with a breath of kindness
Blow the rest away.*

Raising Special Needs Children

Everything you need to know about parenting special needs children in sixty minutes (or less!)

✚ The foundational truth is that you must come to the realization that your child has been uniquely created to glorify God, and that their life is guided by the providence and protection of God.

📖 *Exodus 4:11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb [mute, unable to speak], or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?*

📖 *John 9:1-3 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

- **There are two secondary truths that you must recognize when parenting special needs children.**

1. *The principles of parenting a special needs child are just like parenting any other child.*

- a. The _____ is our manual for parenting
 - i. “In every passage I find in the Bible about parenting, God never sets different rules for the parents of special needs children.”
 - ii. *Deuteronomy 6* is our guide for parenting all children.
 - iii. Don’t be tempted to go to the experts or the medical books before you go to the Book of Books!

- b. The _____ is our means of power
 - i. *2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*
 - ii. To parent *any child* without the power of the Holy Spirit is a recipe for disaster!

- c. The _____ is our manner of seeking God’s guidance.
 - i. *Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly*
 - ii. The Father doesn’t just see our secret prayers, He knows the secret things about our children that we are often blind or oblivious to.

- d. The _____ is our meeting place for fellowship
 - i. A child's diagnosis isn't a reason to leave church, it's an even greater reason to stay!
 - ii. If you're looking for a support group, start by getting support from your local church. *(This is not to discount the need for specialized medical support groups. It's to remind us that every family needs spiritual support from God's house and God's people.)*

2. The methods of parenting a special needs child are unlike parenting any other child.

- a. You'll need to _____ your expectations
 - i. Raising your child will look different than how you raised your other children.
 - ii. Understand which expectations are biblical and which are merely preferences
- b. You'll need to _____ your efforts to understand the diagnosis
 - i. Make a point to study the specifics of your child's diagnosis. Find trusted sources that will give you a better understanding of how to care for your child.

- ii. "Everything you find on the internet is true." -Abraham Lincoln

- c. You'll need to _____ what you know about parenting methods
 - i. Be open to new ideas, new medical advances, and new tools that are available. Yet...
 - ii. Be aware of humanistic viewpoints from the medical community or from parenting groups.

- d. You'll need to _____ at the victories, no matter how small.
 - i. Your child needs to be able to see Mom and Dad rejoice at their progress.
 - ii. You'll need to take time to look back and see the progress that has been made over a longer period of time.

Money Matters

Managing Money Wisely Together

🗨️ "Today Christians spend more money on dog food than missions."

Leonard Ravenhill

🗨️ "It's about time we stopped buying things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people we don't like."

Adrian Rogers

🗨️ "Money won't make you happy, but everybody wants to find out for themselves."

Zig Ziglar

🗨️ "The fellow that has no money is poor. The fellow that has nothing but money is poorer still."

Billy Sunday

🗨️ "God doesn't promise to overflow your bank account, but promises to provide for your every need."

Paul Chappell

I. Perspective on Money

- A. Money cannot buy the _____ things in life – *Isaiah 55:1-2; Ephesians 2:8-9*
- B. Money cannot be trusted to be there for you. – *Proverbs 23:5*
- C. Your _____ for money will determine what you will do for it. – *1 Timothy 6:10*
- D. Money is not an indication of your spiritual condition or God’s blessing. – *Psalm 37:16; Proverbs 13:7*
- E. There are things more valuable than money. – *Proverbs 22:1*

II. Priority of Money

- A. Everything We have is God’s. – *Psalm 24:1; Haggai 2:8*
- B. Seeking spiritual things will counter the pull of _____;
Colossians 3:2, Matthew 6:33

- C. The _____ is the Lord's. – *Malachi 3:8-11; I Corinthians 16:2*
- D. Pay your _____. – *Matthew 22:19-21*
- E. These are first; before you start spending money.

III. Practical Money

- A. Honest _____ is God's command. – *Ephesians 4:28; I Timothy 5:8*
 - 1. Can you do with only one income?
 - 2. Wives: If needed, could you make some income from your home?
- B. Husbands and wives should both be involved in managing money. – *Ephesians 5:21-25*
- C. Get involved in giving in your local church – *II Corinthians 9:7; II Corinthians 8:12*
- D. Let God direct your purchases.
 - 1. Pray about any major purchases
 - 2. Consider whether you really need it.
 - 3. Save for larger purchases

- E. A _____ is a very helpful tool in family finances.
1. Possible
 2. Persistent
- F. Consider saving or investing for the future
- G. Don't go into debt without serious consideration of the benefits vs. consequences – *Proverbs 22:7*

Food For Thought:

 *I Corinthians 13:4-6*

1. Have joint accounts (I find this best)
2. If possible: husband and wife have some discretionary money.
3. Agree on an amount above which you should ask each other's permission to purchase if you are not buying with your own discretionary funds.
4. Husband, wife: If you get something you want, don't deny your spouse things they want. If you can't afford to do both, don't justify only your own desires.

DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES

Secret to Growing Together Spiritually

✂ Thesis: There is always enough time to do the will of God

I. The Paralysis of Anxiety

↪ **Anxiety: The stress of not getting the important things in life accomplished**

✦ “Have you ever wished for a thirty-hour day? Surely this extra time would relieve the tremendous pressure under which we live. Our lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unwritten articles, and unread books haunt quiet moments when we stop to evaluate. We desperately need relief.”*

- A. Danger it will lead to debilitating depression and fears
- B. Causes us to have a spirit that God cannot bless—no real peace
- C. Reason for the lack of spiritual growth in a marriage

📖 *Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

II. The Victory Over Anxiety

✦ “When we stop to evaluate, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically the problem of priorities. Hard work does not hurt us. We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work, but doubt and misgiving produce anxiety as we review a month or year and become oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks. We sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. The winds of other people’s demands have driven us onto a reef of frustration.” *

A. Identify the important over the urgent

✦ “We live in constant tension between the urgent and the important. The problem is that the important task rarely must be done today, or even this week. Extra hours of prayer and Bible study, a visit with that non-Christian friend, careful study of an important book: these projects can wait. But the urgent tasks call for instant action—endless demands pressure every hour and day.” *

B. Determine to give priority to the important over the urgent

C. Commit to regular planning

III. The Development of Spiritual Balance

- A. Surrender to God's will in your life

- B. Reject wrong thinking about priorities

- C. Allow the Spirit of God to control all areas of your life

- D. Make the duties of your life support God's will
 - 1. Family becomes part of your ministry

 - 2. Ministry is what develops your family

 - 3. Vocation enables you to be better equipped to serve

*Quotations are taken from *Tyranny of the Urgent* by Charles E. Hummel, InterVarsity Press 1967.

Planning My Walk of Faith

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:

Planning My Walk of Faith

With My Love:

With My Children:

With My Church Family:

Count Your Blessings

Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Edwin O. Excell

1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed,
2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?
3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,
4. So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,

When you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?
Think that Christ has prom - ised you His wealth un - told;
Do not be dis - cour - aged— God is o - ver all;

Count your man - y bless - ings— name them one by one,
Count your man - y bless - ings— ev - 'ry doubt will fly,
Count your man - y bless - ings— mon - ey can - not buy
Count your man - y bless - ings— an - gels will at - tend,

And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.
And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.
Your re - ward in heav - en nor your home on high.
Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

Count your bless - ings— name them one by one;
Count your man - y bless - ings— name them one by one;

Count your bless-ings— see what God hath done;
Count your man - y bless-ings— see what God hath done;

Count your bless-ings— name them one by one;
Count your man - y bless-ings—

Count your man - y bless-ings— see what God hath done.

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Joy Unspeakable

B. E. Warren

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1. I have found His grace is all com-plete, He sup-pli-eth
2. I have found the pleas-ure I once craved, It is joy and
3. I have found that hope so bright and clear, Liv-ing in the
4. I have found the joy no tongue can tell, How its waves of

ev-'ry need; While I sit and learn at Je-sus' feet,
peace with-in; What a won-drous bless-ing! I am saved
realm of grace; Oh, the Sav-ior's pres-ence is so near,
glo-ry roll! It is like a great o'er-flow-ing well,

I am free, yes, free in-deed.
From the aw-ful gulf of sin. It is joy un-speak-a-ble and
I can see His smil-ing face.
Spring-ing up with-in my soul.

full of glo-ry, Full of glo-ry, full of glo-ry, It is joy un-

speak-a-ble and full of glo-ry, Oh, the half has nev-er yet been told.

I'm So Happy

Stanton W. Gavitt

Stanton W. Gavitt

I'm so hap - py and here's the rea - son why - Je - sus took my

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

bur - dens all a - way; Now I'm sing - ing as the days go by -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff includes a half note chord at the end of the phrase, and the bass staff continues with quarter notes.

Je - sus took my bur - dens all a - way. Once my heart was heav - y with a

The third system begins with a new phrase. The treble staff has a half note chord at the end of the phrase, and the bass staff continues with quarter notes.

load of sin, Je - sus took the load and gave me peace with - in, Now I'm

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note chord at the end of the phrase, and the bass staff continues with quarter notes.

sing - ing as the days go by - Je - sus took my bur - dens all a - way.

The fifth system concludes the song. The treble staff has a half note chord at the end of the phrase, and the bass staff continues with quarter notes.

Springs Of Living Water

John W. Peterson

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1. I thirst-ed in the bar-ren land of sin and shame, And noth-ing sat - is-
2. How sweet the liv-ing wa-ter from the hills of God, It makes me glad and
3. O sin-ner, won't you come to-day to Cal-va - ry? A foun-tain there is

fy - ing there I found; But to the bless-ed cross of Christ one
hap - py all the way; Now glo - ry, grace and bless-ing mark the
flow - ing deep and wide; The Sav - ior now in - vites you to the

day I came, Where springs of liv - ing wa - ter did a - bound.
path I've trod, I'm shout-ing "Hal - le - lu - jah" ev - 'ry day.
wa - ter free, Where thirst-ing spir - its can be sat - is - fied.

Drink-ing at the springs of liv - ing wa - ter, Hap - py now am
Hap - py

I, My soul they sat - is - fy; Drink-ing at the springs of liv - ing
now am I, My soul they sat - is - fy; I'm

wa - ter, O won - der - ful and boun - ti - ful sup - ply!

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Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead

William J. Kirkpatrick

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
 And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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Sunshine In My Soul

Eliza E. Hewitt

John R. Sweney

1. There is sun - shine in my soul to-day, More glo - ri - ous and bright
2. There is mu - sic in my soul to-day, A car - ol to my King;
3. There is spring-time in my soul to-day, For when the Lord is near,
4. There is glad - ness in my soul to-day, And hope and praise and love

Than glows in an - y earth-ly sky, For Je - sus is my light.
And Je - sus, lis - ten-ing, can hear The songs I can - not sing.
The dove of peace sings in my heart, The flow'rs of grace ap - pear.
For bless - ings which He gives me now, For joys laid up a - bove.

O there's sun - shine, bless - ed sun - shine, When the peace - ful,

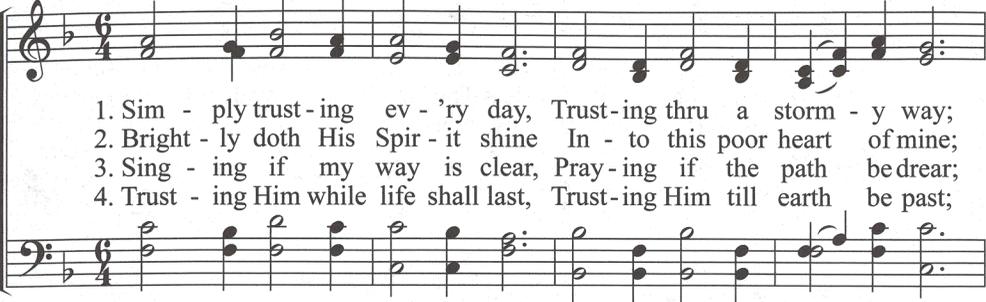
hap - py mo - ments roll; When Je - sus shows His

smil - ing face, There is sun - shine in my soul.

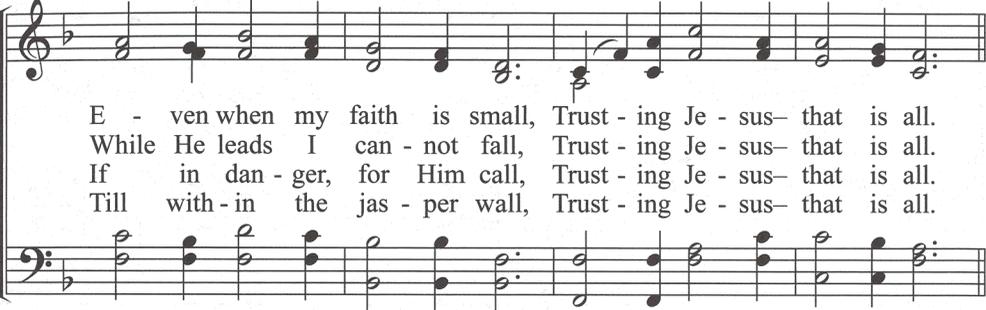
Trusting Jesus

Edgar Page Stiles

Ira D. Sankey



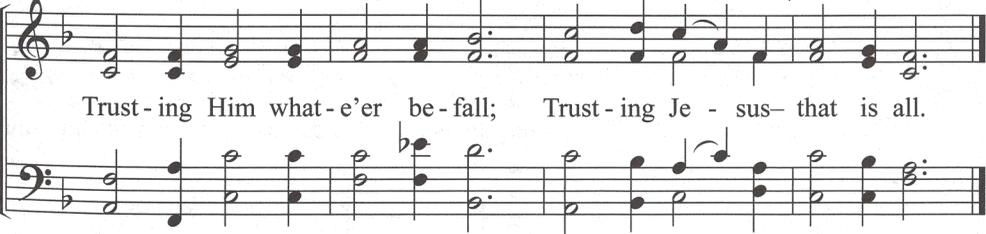
1. Sim - ply trust - ing ev - 'ry day, Trust - ing thru a storm - y way;
2. Bright - ly doth His Spir - it shine In - to this poor heart of mine;
3. Sing - ing if my way is clear, Pray - ing if the path be drear;
4. Trust - ing Him while life shall last, Trust - ing Him till earth be past;



E - ven when my faith is small, Trust - ing Je - sus - that is all.
While He leads I can - not fall, Trust - ing Je - sus - that is all.
If in dan - ger, for Him call, Trust - ing Je - sus - that is all.
Till with - in the jas - per wall, Trust - ing Je - sus - that is all.



Trust - ing as the mo - ments fly, Trust - ing as the days go by;



Trust - ing Him what - e'er be - fall; Trust - ing Je - sus - that is all.

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COMMITMENT - LOVE - PURPOSE

O It Is Wonderful To Be A Christian

John W. Peterson

John W. Peterson

1. Life has pur - pose now it nev - er had be - fore. There is
2. I can go di - rect - ly to the Lord in prayer. He has
3. And the hope of heav - en's glo - ries thrills me so. Where I'll

mean - ing to each day and e - ven more; For a joy and peace I
told me I may bold - ly en - ter there, And He lis - tens as His
live with Christ for - ev - er - more, I know. That is why the things of

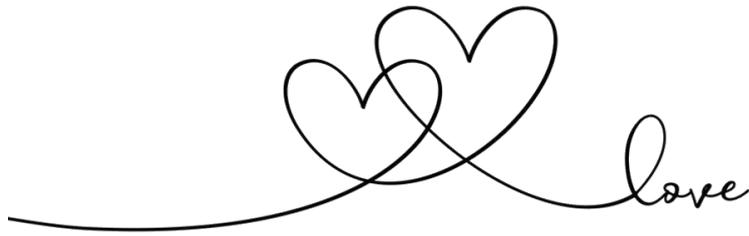
can't ex - plain is mine. Since I found new life in Christ, my Lord di - vine.
prom - is - es I plead. I find mer - cy there and grace for ev - 'ry need.
earth I loose - ly hold; I've e - ter - nal rich - es, bet - ter far than gold.

O it is won - der - ful to be a Chris - tian; O it is won - der - ful to

be God's child! O it is won - der - ful to have your sins for - giv - en;

O it is won-der-ful to be re-deemed, jus-ti-fied, for-ev-er rec-on-ciled!

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Isn't He Wonderful?

S. Jones

Unknown

Is - n't He won-der-ful, won-der - ful, won-der-ful? Is - n't

Je - sus, my Lord, won-der - ful? Eyes have seen, ears have heard,

It's re - cord-ed in God's Word. Is - n't Je - sus, my Lord, won-der - ful?

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Cleanse Me

J. Edwin Orr

Maori Melody

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleans-ing me from sin;
3. Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly Thine;
4. O Ho - ly Ghost, re - viv - al comes from Thee;

Try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
Ful - fill Thy Word and make me pure with - in.
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love di - vine.
Send a re - viv - al - start the work in me.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self and pride;
Thy Word de - clares Thou wilt sup - ply our need;

Cleanse me from ev - 'ry sin and set me free.
Grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy Thy name.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord - in me a - bid.
For bless - ings now, O Lord, I hum - bly plead.

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Att. to an Indian prince

Folk melody from India

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low,
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low—
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
(No turn - ing back,)

The musical score is written in 2/2 time. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second and third systems repeat the first verse. The fourth system repeats the first verse with a dash at the end of each line. The fifth system contains the phrase 'No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!' with a piano accompaniment that includes a fermata over the final chord.

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Staying on site	1	2	3	4	5

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: _____

Marriage Reality - Pastor Jon Horton

1. blame
2. Accept
3. Faith
4. Temptation
5. Waits
1. faithful
2. Mercy, truth
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4. Routine
5. Counsellor

Heartbroken Home - Pastor Rick Carter, Jr.

- I.A. Physical
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- I.C. Obsessions
- II.A. Abandonment
- II.B. Stress
- II.C. Financial pressure
- II.D. Emotional trauma
- II.E. Conflict
- II.F. Divorce
- III.A. Lust
- III.B. Trauma
- III.B.1. Emotional pain
- III.B.2. Greif
- III.B.3. Guilt
- III.B.4. Insecurity
- III.B.5. Rejection
- III.B.6. Resentment
- IV. Solution
- IV.A. Change - sources, put off, put on
- IV.B. Community - accountability, centered
- IV.C. Compassion - family, others

Growing in Love - Pastor Wayne VanGelderren

- I. Committed
- II.A. Single Minded
- III. Purposeful
- III.D. rear
- IV.B. Communication

Special Needs - Pastor Adam Riveiro

- 1.b. Holy Spirit
- 1.d. church
- 2.a. rethink
- 2.b. redouble
- 2.c. relearn
- 2.d. rejoice

Money Matters - Pastor Michael Starbuck

- I.A. important
- I.C. affection
- II.B. materialism
- II.C. tithe
- II.D. taxes
- III.A. work
- III.E. budget

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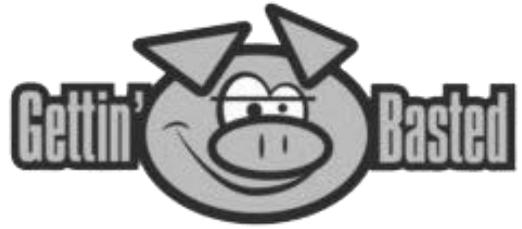
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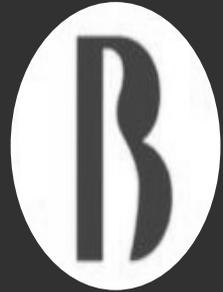
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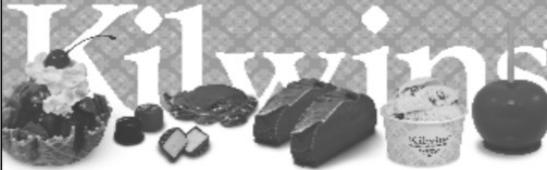
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Couples Inventory

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

- 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

Couples Inventory

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 couple we – spend too much money – are too tight with our money – are just right with our money
 - 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

Couples Inventory

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

Couples Inventory

- 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!