

Retreat Schedule

<i>Same Sessions / Same Speakers / Different Days</i>		
Thursday/Friday Retreat	2023 LIVING UNITED RETREAT BRANSON, MO	Friday/Saturday Retreat
Thursday Feb. 16th	Retreat Day 1	Friday Feb. 17th
2:00pm-3:00pm	General Session #1 Pastor Steve Brudnak	2:00pm-3:00pm
3:15pm-4:00pm	Elective Sessions:	3:30 pm-4:15pm
	The Romantic Couple -Biblically Knowing Each Other Pastor Jeremiah Metsinger - Great Hall The Connected Couple -Speaking the Right Love Language Pastor David Corley - Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg The Strong Couple -Abundance During Adversity Pastor Noel Cwenar - Milan/Venice/Florence The Parenting Couple -Parenting With Purpose Pastor Tim Berlin - Madrid/Barcelona	
4:15pm-6:00pm	General Session #2 Pastor Tim Berlin	4:45pm-6:30pm
Dinner Break & Dismiss for the Evening		
Friday Feb. 17th	Retreat Day 2	Saturday Feb. 18th
8:30am-9:45am	General Session #3 Pastor Tim Berlin	9:00am-10:30am
10:00am-10:45am	Elective Sessions:	Lunch Break/Checkout
	The Balanced Couple - Living in Balance Pastor Michael Wessburg - Great Hall The Purposeful Couple - Time Management Pastor AJ Potter- Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg The Exemplary Couple -The Marriage Every Couple Wants Pastor Jeff Ferguson- Milan/Venice/Florence The Faithful Couple - The Kids are Gone, Now Finish Strong Pastor Jerry Pyle- Madrid/Barcelona	12:45pm-1:30pm
11:00am-12:30pm	General Session #4 Pastor Tim Berlin	2:00pm-3:30pm

Table of Contents

2024 COUPLES RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT.....	4
THE PREACHERS.....	5-9
MAP OF CHATEAU ON THE LAKE.....	10-11
2023 CHICAGO COUPLES RETREAT.....	12
<u>SESSION NOTES</u>	13-51
<i>GENERAL SESSION #1</i>	13-15
PASTOR STEVE BRUDNAK	
<i>THE ROMANTIC COUPLE</i>	16-19
PASTOR JEREMIAH METSINGER	
<i>THE CONNECTED COUPLE</i>	20-21
PASTOR DAVID CORLEY	
<i>THE STRONG COUPLE</i>	22-25
PASTOR NOEL CWENAR	
<i>THE PARENTING COUPLE</i>	26-28
PASTOR TIM BERLIN	
<i>GENERAL SESSION #2</i>	29-31
PASTOR TIM BERLIN	
<i>GENERAL SESSION #3</i>	32-34
PASTOR TIM BERLIN	
<i>THE BALANCED COUPLE</i>	35-37
PASTOR MICHAEL WESSBURG	
<i>THE PURPOSEFUL COUPLE</i>	38-40
PASTOR AJ POTTER	
<i>THE EXEMPLARY COUPLE</i>	41-46
PASTOR JEFF FERGUSON	
<i>THE FAITHFUL COUPLE</i>	47-48
PASTOR JERRY PYLE	

Table of Contents

GENERAL SESSION #4.....	49-51
PASTOR TIM BERLIN	
ADDITIONAL NOTES	52-57
PLANNING MY WALK OF FAITH.....	58-59
HYMNS	60-71
SPECIAL THANKS	72-73
RESPONSE CARD	75-76
ANSWER KEY	77-78
PASTORS COUPLES RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM	79
APPENDIX.....	81
PHOTO CONTEST.....	2
2024 SKIT CONTEST	3
DISCOUNTS	4-11
COUPLES INVENTORY	12-17

2024 Couples Retreat

February 15 & 16 | February 16 & 17

CHATEAU ON THE LAKE
Branson, Missouri



LIVING UNITED
Marriage Ministry

FEATURED PREACHER

Pastor Tim Berlin



Pastor Tim Berlin pastors Faith Baptist Church in Clinton Township, MI. Pastor Berlin is centered on helping people prepare to stand before God. Whether they need a personal relationship with Christ through salvation, or to develop a more intimate fellowship with Christ through sanctification, Pastor Berlin stands ready to help. The word of God has the answers to both these conditions and he puts a high priority on preaching. Drawing from Joshua

24:15, Pastor Berlin says his first and most important priority is to lead his family to love and serve God with all their hearts.

It was during a revival meeting with evangelist Tom Farrell that Pastor Berlin realized his sin would eternally separate him from God, and he accepted Christ as his Savior at age eight. Growing up in Columbiaville, MI, Pastor Berlin graduated from Juniata Christian School in 1987. He received his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Bible from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in 1991 and his master's degree from Northland Baptist Bible College in 2003. He has previously served as a youth pastor for fourteen years, and eight years as senior pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Logansport, IN. In October 2011, Pastor Berlin accepted the call to become senior pastor at Faith Baptist Church.

Pastor Berlin and his wife, Michelle, have loved the joy of parenting their four boys, Nathan, Stephen, Andrew and Jonathan, and are embracing the new experience of grandparenting as their family continues to grow.

HOST PREACHER

Pastor Steve Brudnak



Pastor Brudnak has been the Pastor of United Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri for 19 years. At the age of seven, 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 16 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 27 years, Melissa. They have three sons, Josiah, Jeremiah, and Zachariah. This year they will be adding two daughters to their family! They are beyond blessed and excited for this new stage in their lives!

SESSION PREACHERS

Pastor Jeremiah Metsinger



Pastor Metsinger studied at Heartland Baptist Bible College. Upon graduation he and his wife Melissa, moved to Sioux Falls, SD to work with the youth, where they saw great change and growth in the teens. After a couple years of being there he was burdened to pastor, and began seeking direction and further study. In August of 2006 God led Pastor Metsinger and his family to South Knollwood Baptist Church. Bro. Metsinger completed his Doctorate in Ministry shortly following their move to Topeka. Bro. & Mrs. Metsinger enjoy spending time with their four sons

and daughter, and involving them in the work of South Knollwood.

Pastor David Corley



David Corley met his wife Charity at Bible college and they have been married 18 years. Upon graduation he became the founding pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Weatherford, OK. He has served there for 17 years. In that time the church has outgrown their current facilities and they have purchased adjoining land to expand. They have four children. The words used commonly by those who have attended his sessions are "Interesting" and "Indescribable".



Pastor Noel Cwenar

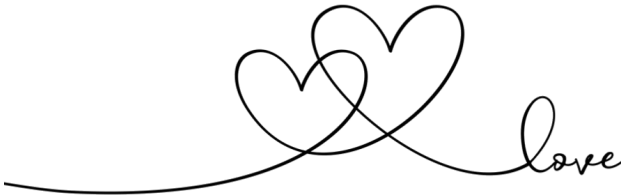


A native Arkansan, Pastor Noel Cwenar was raised in a ministry home and accepted Christ as his Savior at a young age. After Bible college, he served in Christian education for several years until the Lord directed him to become the pastor at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Rogers, where he has served since 2006. Pastor Cwenar and his wife Lucinda have been married since 1996 and have two adult sons. Kyle was married just a few months ago a wonderful girl named Kora, and Cole serves on staff at GLBC.

Pastor Michael Wessburg



Pastor Wessburg graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a degree in Bible with an emphasis in Youth Ministries. It was there that he met his wife Candace, who grew up in West Columbia, South Carolina. They were married on July 31, 1999. For the next five years the couple served in two different churches as the youth pastor and as Christian school teachers. In January 2005, the Wessberg's joined the Tozour Evangelistic Team to start a children's ministry and assist in music. In February of 2016, God led the Wessberg's to Faith Baptist Church in Raymore, Missouri where he serves as senior pastor. The Wessberg's have eight children: Zachariah, Andrew, Chloe, Evy, Lilly, Isaac, Asher, and Kayleigh.



Pastor AJ Potter



Pastor Potter was saved at the age of five at his home when he realized his need of a Saviour. He grew up in a Pastor's home primarily in Bear Lake, MI. He surrendered to full time ministry at the age of 16, and attended Fairhaven Baptist College, graduating in 2002. Pastor Potter and his wife, Karis have been married for 21 years. The Potters have four children: Trent, Seth, Ashlynn, and Breanna. Bro. Potter has been the pastor of Pleasantville Baptist Church in Pleasantville, Iowa since September of 2009.

Pastor Jeff Ferguson



Pastor Jeff Ferguson grew up in Jackson, Tennessee. At the age of ten, he began to ride the church bus to Bethel Baptist Church. As a young person, God was leading him into full-time Christian service. Upon graduating High School, Pastor Ferguson attended Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN. It was there, where he met and married his wife, of 18 years, Traci.

After graduation, the Fergusons spent several years on the East Coast in the suburbs of Philadelphia and Hunt Valley, MD serving as an assistant/youth pastor. For one year the Fergusons served as layman in Lyons, NY, while seeking the Lord's guidance before moving to the Des Moines area, where he pastors the Glory Baptist Church. The Fergusons have two children, Mackenzie and Elliot.

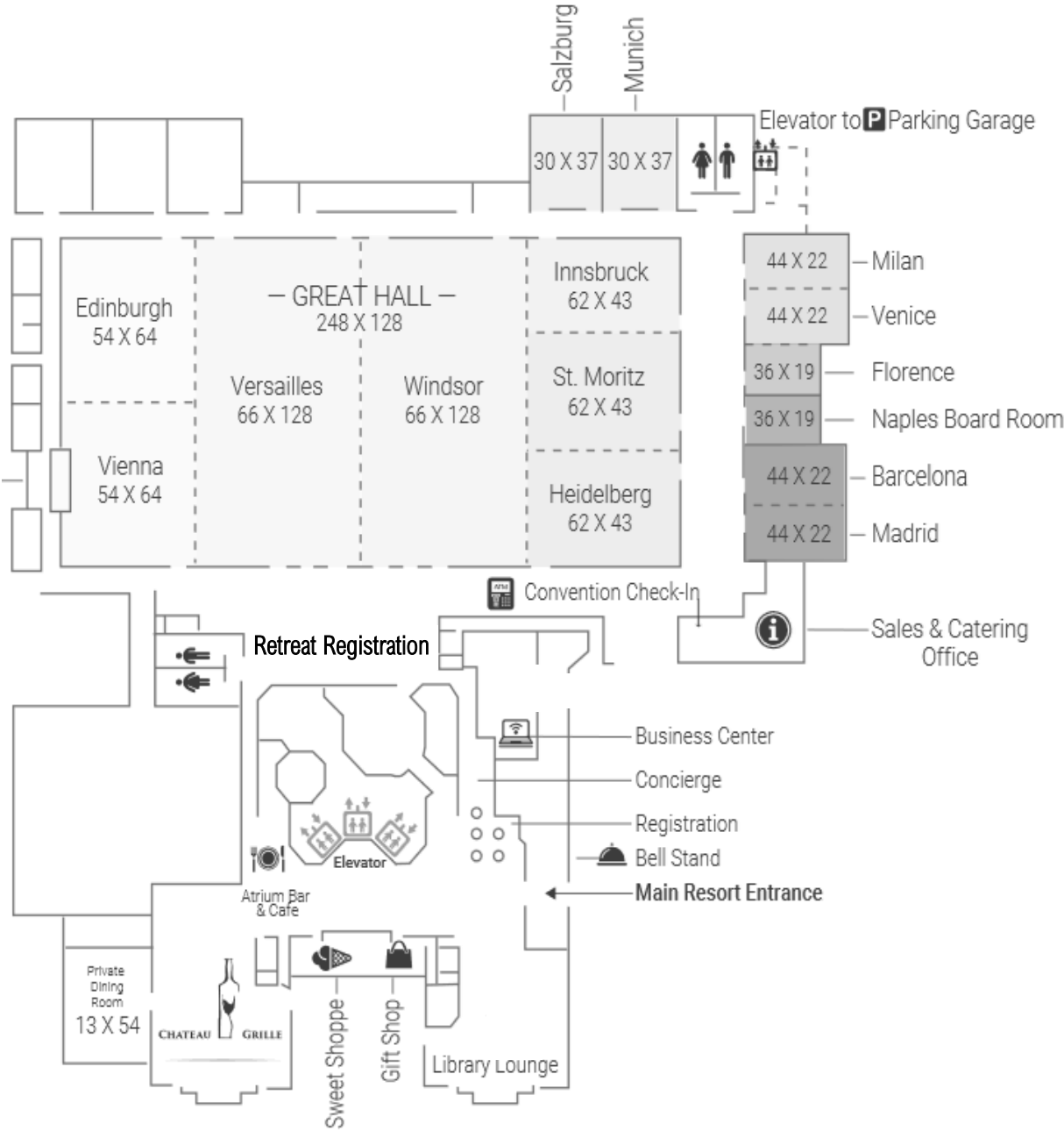
Pastor Jerry Pyle



Jerry was saved at 19 at Air Base Road Baptist Church in Alexandria, LA, while serving in the Air Force. He surrendered to preach in 1975 and began attending Baptist Christian College in Shreveport, Louisiana, while still serving in the USAF. After being honorably discharged in 1979 and graduating from Bible college in 1981, Jerry became Associate Pastor, Youth Director, and principal at Tabernacle Baptist Church and school in Longview, TX. In 1983, he became the pastor of Kingsway Baptist Church in Ringgold, LA, where he served for six years. In 1990, Jerry returned to Air Base Road Baptist Church and served for six years as

Associate Pastor, Youth Director, and Principal of the church's Christian school. In 1996, Jerry accepted the call to pastor Ash Street Baptist Church (now Bible Baptist Church) in Nevada, MO, where he served as pastor for 26 years. In May 2022, Jerry stepped down as pastor and his son, Joshua Pyle, became the next pastor. While in the Air Force, Jerry met his wife Barbara who was also in the Air Force. They were married in 1978, and have been blessed with three amazing children, Jonathan and his wife Andrea, Joshua and his wife Wendy, and Jodi. They have also been blessed with twelve wonderful grandchildren. Jerry and Barbara still attend Bible Baptist in Nevada, Missouri, where they are trying to finish their course faithfully serving their Lord.

Map of Chateau



FIRST DAY SESSION LOCATIONS

THE ROMANTIC COUPLE (*Pastor Jeremiah Metsinger*) - **Great Hall**

Biblically Knowing Each Other

THE CONNECTED COUPLE (*Pastor David Corley*) - **Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg**

Speaking the Right Love Language

THE STRONG COUPLE (*Pastor Noel Cwenar*) - **Milan/Venice/Florence**

Abundance During Adversity

THE PARENTING COUPLE (*Pastor Tim Berlin*) - **Madrid/Barcelona**

Parenting With Purpose

NURSERY - **Salzburg & Munich**

SECOND DAY SESSION LOCATIONS

THE BALANCED COUPLE (*Pastor Michael Wessburg*) - **Great Hall**

Living in Balance

THE PURPOSEFUL COUPLE (*Pastor AJ Potter*) - **Innsbruck/St. Moritz/Heidelberg**

Living in Balance

THE EXEMPLARY COUPLE (*Pastor Jeff Ferguson*) - **Milan/Venice/Florence**

The Marriage Every Couple Wants

THE FAITHFUL COUPLE (*Pastor Jerry Pyle*) - **Madrid/Barcelona**

The Kids are Gone, Now Finish Strong

NURSERY - **Salzburg & Munich**

2023 Couples Retreat

CHICAGO LAND

October 13-14 , 2023



Pursuing a Great Marriage


I Sam. 30:1-19

Introduction

? How many people wanted a bad marriage on their wedding day?

⇒ Pursuing a Great Marriage is something every couple can do by _____!


⇒ God rewards couples who pursue Him in faith

 *Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

I. Your _____ Love (vs. 1-5)

A. First Care - Emotions

1. Remember that first love & care?

 *Mal 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. 15 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.*


2. Care wains with disconnection – “...on the third day...” (v. 1)

 *1Pe 3:7a Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge...*

B. First Commitment - Will

1. You made a vow with your will and that can only be kept with your will.

2. A lasting marriage only comes through a commitment of your will.

 *Mal 2:14c, 16a ... yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away [divorce]...*


C. First Engagement - Body

1. Your first care kicked in your first engagement.

2. What did you do for one another that you no longer do?

3. You did things that you don't do now.

⇒ Thinking it doesn't matter is mocking God.


 *Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

4. Your actions have brought you to where you're at!

II. Your Faith Step (vs. 6-17)


A. _____ – In-Flow (vs. 6-9)

1. You need to seek God.
2. You need to listen these two days!
3. You need to daily walk with God.
4. You need good people around you who make sure you don't become "god", namely a church family that you are close to.
 - ⇒ A lack of close friendships is the breeding ground of homes that have serious and secret problems. When was the last time you had close friends into your home?
5. God gives clear commands with precious promises

 *1Sa 30:8b ...Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.*


B. Action – Out-Flow (vs. 9-17)

1. "So David went" (v. 9) – Men where do you need to take your marriage?
 - ⇒ So _____ went and _____
2. "And had taken the women captives..." (v. 2) – Women where do you feel trapped?
 - ⇒ When women are trapped, they must trust!
 - ⇒ What could have the women done in this situation? Fight or trust?



 *1Pe 3:1-6 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

3. Actions are faith decisions that come with the strength of God's blessing.
4. God will put things and people into your life to help you (vs. 11-16)

III. Your Full Recovery (vs. 18-19)

- A. Relief – _____ over time
 - 1. Answers – make them a personal commitment.
 - 2. Process – realize it will take time to show fruit.
 - 3. If you're hurt and your spouse makes decisions of faith, be thankful. Believe God can work!
 *Mar 2:7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?*
- B. Repair – Plan of God
 - ↳ God's plan for marriage is a powerful & joyous one flesh union!
- C. Relish – Laugh Again
 - 1. Take that great marriage & enjoy!
 - 2. Use it to minister to other couples
- D. Rest – Relief that God Brought you here.
 - 1. Remember it is God who makes your marriage great, put the pressure on Him.
 - 2. Don't forget to give Him the Glory!

Conclusion

- ↳ Pursuing a Great Marriage is something every couple can do by faith!
- ↳ God rewards couples who pursue Him in faith
 *Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***
- ↳ You can see the future of your marriage through the promises of God!
 *Jn 16:13-15 KJV - 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will show you things to come.** 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*
- ↳ You have a great marriage, you might not see it yet, if you will pursue God by faith!

The Romantic Couple

PASTOR JEREMIAH METSINGER

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

[illegible]

PASTOR JEREMIAH METSINGER

[illegible]

[illegible]

Speaking the Right Love Language

 *Genesis 29:31-35*

I. The Language Principle

- A. Acts of service
- B. Physical Touch
- C. Gifts
- D. Quality Time
- E. Words of Affirmation

II. The Language Philosophy

- A. Everyone has a _____ love language
- B. You should express love to your spouse in the language they speak

III. The Language Predicament

- A. We usually speak _____ languages (opposites attract)
- B. Your spouse's love language is not automatic
- C. When love is not given, it is not _____

IV. The Language _____

- A. There is a misconception of love
- B. One person can be content while the other is _____
- C. We tend to revert to our _____ language

V. The Language Prescription

- A. _____ your spouse's primary language
- B. Experiment with different ways of expressing it
- C. Ask them to _____ you
- D. Be willing to work _____
- E. Find in God your completion

The Strong Couple

- ✦ “I am the subject of depression of spirit so fearful that I hope none of you ever get to such extremes of wretchedness as I go to.” C.H. Spurgeon
- ✦ **Depression**: an emotional, intense state of feeling sad, discouraged... its apathy for a prolonged period, sense of helplessness and at times a sense of worthlessness.

I. _____ in Scripture

A. **Elijah** – *1 Kings 19:1-4*


B. **Job** – *Job 10:1*

C. **Jeremiah**—*Jeremiah 15:10*

D. Many of the **Psalms** of **David** and **Asaph**.

E. **Korah** in *Psalms 42:5, 11*

F. _____? “Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with me.” *Matthew 26:38*

 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” *Hebrews 4:15*

II. Common _____

- Trouble concentrating, remembering details, and making decisions
- Fatigue
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and helplessness
- Pessimism and hopelessness
- Insomnia, early-morning wakefulness, or sleeping too much
- Irritability
- Restlessness
- Loss of interest in things once pleasurable
- Overeating, or appetite loss
- Aches, pains, headaches, or cramps that won't go away
- Digestive problems that don't get better, even with treatment
- Persistent sad, anxious, or "empty" feelings
- Suicidal thoughts or attempts
- Women feel anxious and scared; men feel guarded
- Women blame themselves for the depression; men blame others
- Women commonly feel sad, worthless, and apathetic when depressed; men tend to feel irritable and angry
- Women are more likely to avoid conflicts when depressed; men are more likely to create conflicts
- Women feel lethargic and nervous; men feel agitated and restless
- Women easily talk about their feelings of self-doubt and despair; men hide feelings of self-doubt and despair, considering it a sign of weakness.

III. Different Types of Depression

- _____ (Temperament)
- _____
- _____

A. _____

- _____

✦ “To begin, our imagination can possess a darker edge. All our birds are owls or ravens. When one is born with a melancholy temperament, he sees a tempest brewing even in the calm.” C.H. Spurgeon

✦ What helped Asaph? Look at *Psalms* 77:

R _____

R _____

R _____

B. _____

- _____

✦ *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”
Philippians 3:10*

✦ “Personally, I also bear witness that it has been to me, in seasons of great pain, superlatively comfortable to know that in every pang which racks His people, the Lord Jesus has a fellow-feeling. We are not alone, for one like unto the son of man walks in the furnace with us.” C.H. Spurgeon

✦ “I often feel very grateful to God that I have undergone fearful depression. I know the borders of despair and the horrible brink of that gulf of darkness into which my feet have almost gone.”

C. _____

- _____

Parenting With Purpose

 1 Timothy 4:8-12

Proposition:

Biblical parenting is a transfer of the dependence they have upon you, to a dependence upon God and His word.

Introduction:

As seen in a magazine clip years ago:

- Watch your thoughts, they become words.
- Watch your words, they become actions.
- Watch your actions, they become habits.
- Watch your habits, they become character.
- **Watch your character, they decide your future!**

God's design for the home is clearly laid out in *Ephesians 6:1-4*. It is for parents to be the authority and for children to learn. Unfortunately, we have watched a shift in our society to a child-centered home rather than a Christ-centered home. There are no children to are smart enough to run a family. It simply is not God's design. **As we parent, always remember this truth, more is caught than taught!**

✦ **What is parenting with purpose?**

I. The Principle

A. We _____ what we are!

B. We _____ what we are!

II. The Process

A. Emphasize godly _____.

B. Emphasize proper _____.

III. The Pattern

A. In _____

B. In _____

C. In _____

D. In _____

E. In _____

F. In _____

IV. The Product

- A. Will our children be _____-centered?
- B. Will our children be _____-driven?
- C. Will our children be _____-dependent?
- D. Will our children be _____-controlled?

Conclusion:

What are you producing? We must be actively engaged in much than simply informing or educating our children. We must be involved in the character construction of each child. If God states that what I am building will look like me, then the question is what is true about me?

This generation has a need for rescuers. However, the only way we will be able to help this generation or any generation is to help them form a biblical world-view of their life as they view our lives. **Remember, more is caught than taught!**

The Simple Secret!

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

Proposition:

A woman cries out for love as a man craves the respect that God has designed for them to receive in marriage.

Introduction:

Too many marriages today find it easy to offend each other, but they lack the tools necessary to make minor adjustments that would turn off the flamethrowers. Feelings of being unloved or disrespected can start over the smallest of things and develop into a convincing argument, in a short time, that your partner is ready to leave the marriage or regrets getting into the marriage at all. The crazy cycle starts with the simple feelings of being unloved or disrespected in isolated instances.

I. You can be right, but wrong at the top of your _____.

A. Anger can show up as _____ up.

a. Solving problems is not measured in _____.

b. Solving problems is not mastered through _____.

B. Anger can show up as _____ up.

a. Solving problems cannot happen without _____.

1. It must be _____ verbally.

2. It must be _____ non-verbally.

b. Solving problems cannot happen without _____.

1. Ask _____ and do not make _____.

2. Clarify _____ and do not jump to _____.

3. Provide _____ and do not simply voice _____.

II. Blame shifting is simply a lack of personal _____.

A. The man is commanded by God to _____ his wife. (*1 Peter 3:7*)

a. Love is shown through _____.

b. Love is shown through _____.

c. Love is shown through _____.

d. Love is shown through _____.

B. The woman is commanded by God to _____ her husband.
(*1 Peter 3:1-6*)

- a. Respect is shown through _____.
- b. Respect is shown through _____.
- c. Respect is shown through _____.
- d. Respect is shown through _____.

Conclusion:

The crazy cycle always wants to spin, but couples can control it by remembering the simple secret to love and respect. The Energized cycle only needs one partner to decide to obey and honor God. The Reward cycle is the culmination of a marriage where a wife respects her husband in obedience to the Lord and a husband loves his wife in the same obedience.

Seeds and Fruits Are Determined

 *Galatians 6:1-10*

Proposition:

If we desire a specific result, we must plant the proper seeds that produce that result. The fruit of a seed is already determined, but they look distinctly different.

Introduction:

Whenever we plan to plant something, we know nothing about, we look to some authority to tell how it is to be planted. We find out how deep the seed is to be planted, how far apart, how much water and how often, and whatever else we think is necessary to ensure a successful harvest. Our desire is for the authority to help us produce a good harvest. When it comes to having a Biblical relationship with our spouse, we need to be willing to go to the authority, the Word of God.

It doesn't take rocket science to figure out why some of you men struggle in your relationship, when the first thing you do when buying something needing to be assembled is throw away the instructions. Some of you are trying to make the relationship with your spouse work without ever consulting the "instructions," the Word of God. Or, maybe you look at the instructions from time to time, but are convinced you know a better way to put it together.

The first thing I want us to remember in this lesson is that seeds and fruit do not look the same. When you plant a pumpkin seed, it looks much different than the product. That, which was small, white, and oblong, grows into something big, orange, and round. What do the instructions say about a Biblical, healthy relationship?

I. What are the seeds of Biblical Leadership. (*Mark 10:35-45*)

A. Biblical Leadership is _____. (*vs. 35*)

a. True influence is not _____.

b. True influence is not _____.

c. True influence is not a _____.

B. Biblical Leadership is _____. (*Luke 16*)

a. Stewardship is _____.

b. Stewardship is _____.

c. Stewardship is _____.

C. Biblical Leadership is _____. (*Proverbs 4:23*)

a. Character is _____ what is right, because it is right.

b. Character is _____ what is right, because it is right.

c. Character is _____ what is right, because it is right.

II. What are the seeds of functional relationship?

A. We reap _____ what we sow.

a. Seeds have a determined harvest.

b. Seeds have a determined formula.

1. $2+2=4$

2. Husband + Wife = Same old thing

B. We reap _____ than we sow.

a. This is a _____ principle.

b. This is a _____ principle.

C. We reap _____ that we sow.

a. We must have character to live by _____.

b. We must have character to live by _____.

c. We must have character to live by _____.

Conclusion:

What kind of marriage do you want? God has outlined the kind of marriage He wants for us. Are you willing to plant the seeds that actually will produce the harvest that brings glory to God and good to us and others?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

The Balanced Couple

PASTOR MICHAEL WESSBURG

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Family Time Management

 *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

- ✦ Our life is made up of time and none of us get special treatment in the arena of time. We all have the same amount of time each day. The difference between getting things done or never having enough time is that we either spend our time or steward our time.
- ✦ *Time is one of the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions – John Randolph*
- ✦ *Nothing is more characteristic in modern life than the complaint, “If I only had time.” – R.E. Neale*
- ✦ The difference between those who get much accomplished and those who do not is that some people spend their time and those who steward their time.
- ✋ How we spend our time has eternal implications.

1. Stewarding our time is a matter of _____.

- ✦ What we believe about our time here on earth affects how we spend time here on earth.
 - ➡ The must have for our must do list is wisdom. Wisdom is what helps us avoid time wasters, it helps us avoid being driven.

2. Stewarding our time is a matter of _____.

- ✦ Being busy does not mean you are productive
- ↳ Balance in your priorities – making time for what is important.
- ↳ Balance in your intentions – taking time for what is important.
- ↳ Balance in your discipline – keeping time for what is important.
- ↳ Balance in your consistency – staying committed to what is important.

3. Stewarding our time is a matter of _____.

- ✦ “You either control your time or your time controls you.”
- ↳ We can be our own worst enemy when it comes to the effective use of time.
- ↳ The key to victory is to manage our life under the Lordship of Christ. It is from Him we should get our goals and values.
- ↳ To win the battle of time, one must understand that every opportunity is not an obligation.

4. Stewarding our time is a matter of _____.

- ✦ “You assure mediocrity when you have tackled too much to personally handle”
- ↳ *Time never takes time off* – Augustine

↳ Success with our time is knowing and doing the will of God.

↳ Stewarding our time with wisdom does not assume that tomorrow will be like today. Today's opportunities may disappear tomorrow.

✦ *Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time for it is the stuff life is made of –*
Ben Franklin

Sources:

A Time to Plan by Nancy S. Smith

Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles Hummel

Freedom from Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles Hummel

One Minute Manager by Ken Blanchard and Spencer Johnson

Stewarding Life by Paul Chappel

The Private Life Of The Preacher by Kenneth Kuykendall

The Exemplary Couple

The Marriage Every Couple Wants

I Peter 3:1-12

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 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. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Introduction

There are many factors that contribute to a satisfying marriage/relationship, such as: Love, Commitment, Trust, Time, Attention, Good Communication including Listening, Partnership, Tolerance, Patience, Openness, Honesty, Respect, Sharing, Consideration, Generosity, Willingness/Ability to Compromise, Constructive Management of Disagreements/Arguments, Willingness to see another's viewpoint, Ability and Willingness to Forgive/Apologize, Fun.

⇒ There are five passages in Scripture that are very specific to marriage and the husband/wife relationship.

- *1 Corinthians 7*
- *Ephesians 5*
- *Colossians 3*
- *Titus 2*
- *1 Peter 3.*

⇒ We are going to look at what God says to the Husband, the Wife, and the Couple

I. The Husband

⇒ 16 things Husbands are to do for the wife

1. Love Her
2. _____ Her
3. Sanctify Her
4. Speak properly to Her
5. Cherish Her
6. Nurture Her
7. Cleave to Her
8. Rule over Her
9. Be ravished with Her
10. Be an example to Her
11. _____ to Her
12. Rejoice with Her
13. Be not bitter Against Her
14. _____ Her
15. Pray for Her
16. Know Her

♥ Study on Love – used 550x in our Bible

A. The _____ of Love – I John 4:8

B. The Display of Love – I Corinthians 13:1-6

1. Love is more than words – v.1
2. Love is more than being spiritual – v. 2
3. Love is more than sacrifice – v. 3
4. Love is... - v. 4-5
 - a. _____
 - b. Kind
 - c. Not proud
 - d. Not selfish or self-centered

5. Love does not... - v.4-5
 - a. Envy
 - b. Promote self
 - c. Behave indecently or shamefully
 - d. Premeditate to do wrong
 - e. Have a short fuse
6. Love gets excited about the right things – v.6

II. The Wife

⇒ Six Things the Wife is to do for the Husband

1. Love Him
2. _____ Him
3. Submit to Him
4. Do Him Good
5. Render Due _____
6. Satisfy Him

III. The Couple


⇒ 15 Things the Couple Does for One Another

1. Be of one mind
2. Have compassion
3. _____
4. Be pitiful
5. Be courteous
6. Not rendering evil for evil
7. Not rendering railing for railing
8. Rendering blessing
9. Refrain the tongue from evil
10. Speak no guile
11. Eschew evil
12. Do good
13. _____
14. Enslave it
15. Be Spiritual

Conclusion

Marriage is AWESOME! I am so thankful God saw fit to institute marriage! If we will endeavor to commit ourselves to these things, we can have the marriage everyone else wants! Go home, and CRUSH IT!

Finish Strong

 *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving, Colossians 2:6-7*

1. **Remember How You Started.** (*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord...*)

✦ We _____ the Word of God, we _____ the Word of God, and we _____ on the Word of God, by faith receiving Christ Jesus the Lord.

2. **Continue the way you started.** (*...so walk ye in Him*)

- ✦ This word translated *walk* is found in 90 verses and means both to literally, walk and figuratively how we conduct ourselves.
- ✦ “Figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary)” (*Strong’s*).
- ✦ “In Scripture, to live and act or behave; to pursue a particular course of life” (*Webster’s 1828*)
- ✦ *2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 4:1; 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12; 4:1; 1 John 2:6*

3. Rest in His Grace.

✦ *Ephesians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:10*

✦ Our _____ as children of God is to live our life for Him every day. To live before Him and to walk with Him as Paul said in *Colossians 3:17*, “*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*”

4. Trust His Providence. (*Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving, Colossians 2:7*)

✦ “Rooted - to root (figuratively, become stable); built up - to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up:—build thereon” (*Strong’s*)

✦ Life is sometimes hard. Just life in general is sometimes hard, and then you add in trying to live a life that is dedicated to loving Christ and honoring God in an increasingly godless culture and society. Now life becomes really hard. However, we are not the first followers of God to experience opposition and difficulty.

A. Think of _____ (*Hebrews 11:22*)

B. Think of _____ (*Luke 7:28*)

C. Think of _____ (*2 Timothy 4:7*)


D. Think of _____ (*John 4:34; 17:4*)

Conclusion:

✦ Making this our goal is what will enable us one day to finish strong.

✦ I am thankful that because of the finished work of Christ we can finish our course with joy.

The Treasure and the Field

 *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Matthew 13:44*

Proposition:

Where will you place your focus? On the treasure that initiated the relationship, or the field that becomes a reality?

Introduction:

There is a man traveling down a dusty Jewish Road making his way home from a long day in the city. He is tired and to save time, he decides to cut across the old field. He stumbles across a treasure and realizes it belongs to the person who owns the field. He decides to sell all that he has in order to purchase the field. Once the field is his, the treasure will be his as well.

✦ What is true about the field?

- Snakes, spiders, rocks, thorns, thistles, moles holes, weeds, and many other unpleasant things.

✦ What is true about the treasure?

- There is value to me physically, volitionally, emotionally, and spiritually.

I. The Interpretation

A. The _____ is the Lord Jesus Christ.

a. He came to _____ and to _____ the lost.

b. He came to _____ and _____ the lost.

B. The _____ is the world.

C. The _____ is the nation, Israel.

a. He established Israel as His chosen people.

b. They rebelled and crucified Him, crying, "We will not have this man to rule over us, crucify Him, crucify Him."

II. The Application

A. Relationships are begun on treasures.

a. The _____ you married.

b. The _____ you join.

c. The _____ you follow.

d. The _____ you take.

B. Relationships are _____ by fields.

a. There are _____ quirks.

b. There are _____. (Eph. 4:1-3)

1. Unity requires humility.
2. Unity requires meekness.
3. Unity requires longsuffering.
4. Unity requires forbearance.

c. There are _____ habits.

d. There are _____ spots.

III. The Inspiration.

A. Be a _____, do not expect one. (Luke 12:15-21)

- a. The rich fool was _____ sighted.
- b. The rich fool was _____ sighted.
- c. The rich fool was _____ sighted.

B. Do not excuse your _____, work on it.

- a. Take responsibility for your own actions.
- b. Be honest before the Lord and your spouse.
- c. Pray for grace to change for God's glory.

Additional Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

[illegible]

Additional Notes _____

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

[illegible]

Additional Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

[illegible]

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:

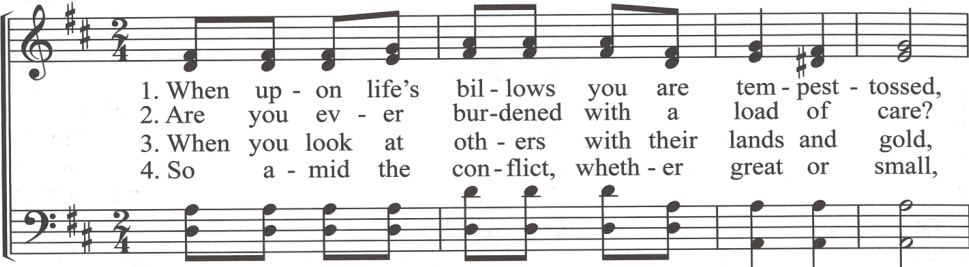
With My Children:

With My Church Family:

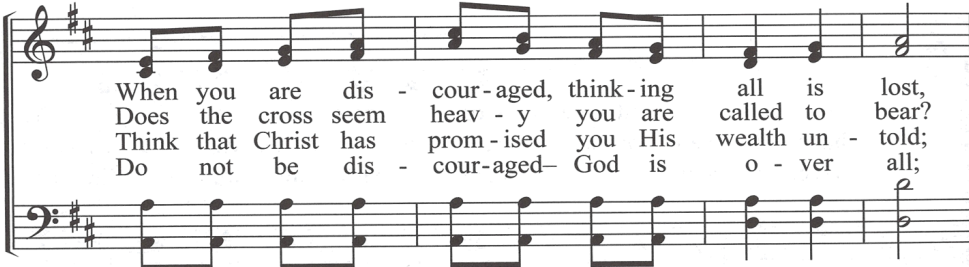
Count Your Blessings

Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Edwin O. Excell



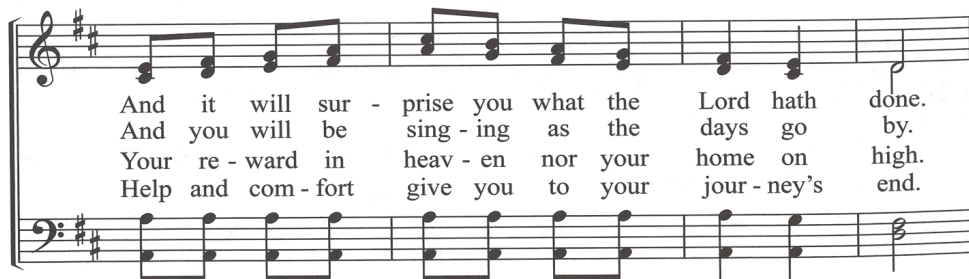
1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed,
 2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?
 3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,
 4. So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



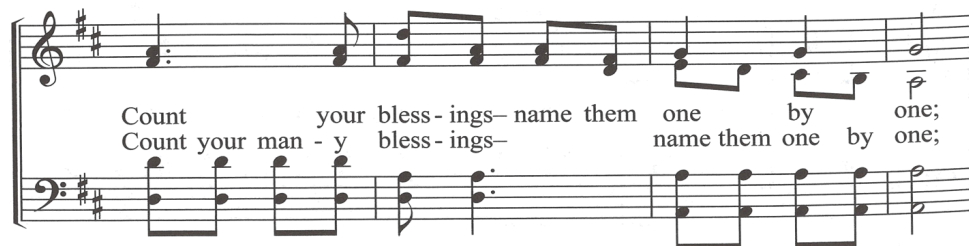
When you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
 Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?
 Think that Christ has prom - ised you His wealth un - told;
 Do not be dis - cour - aged— God is o - ver all;



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.

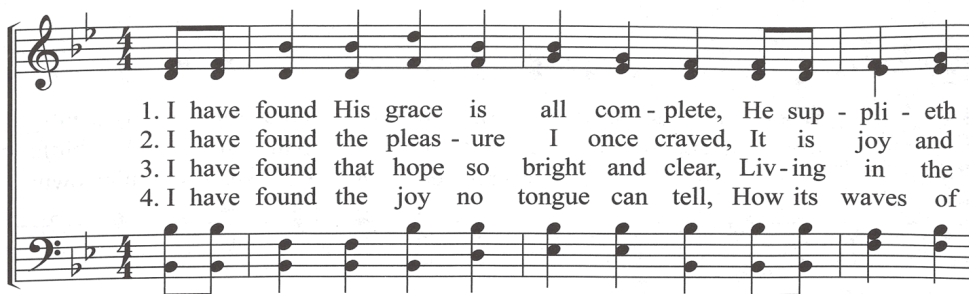
CCL# 11398205

love

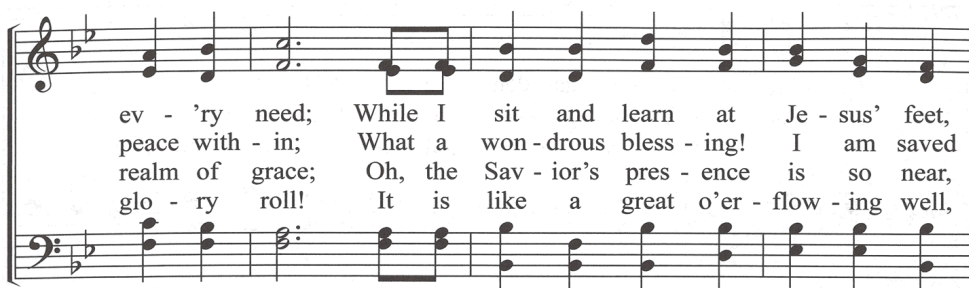
Joy Unspeakable

B. E. Warren

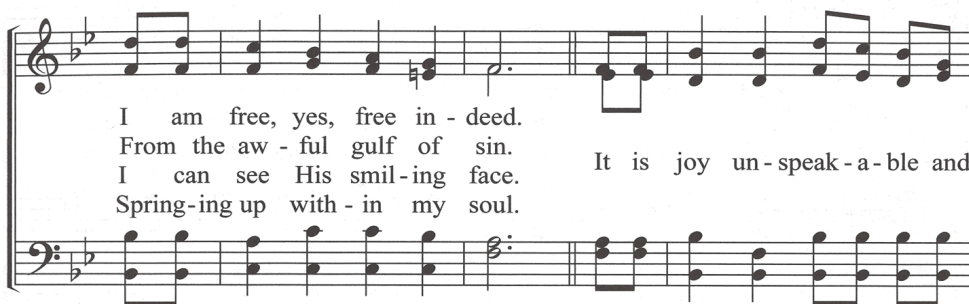
B. E. Warren



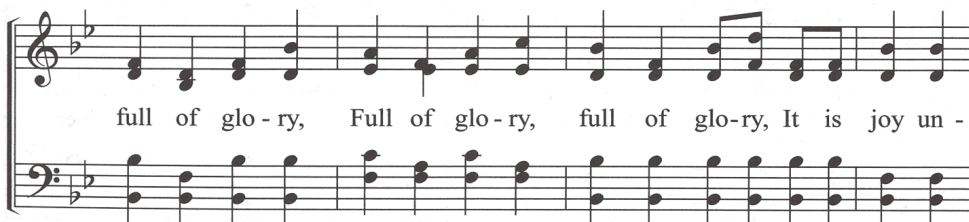
1. I have found His grace is all com - plete, He sup - pli - eth
 2. I have found the pleas - ure I once craved, It is joy and
 3. I have found that hope so bright and clear, Liv - ing in the
 4. I have found the joy no tongue can tell, How its waves of



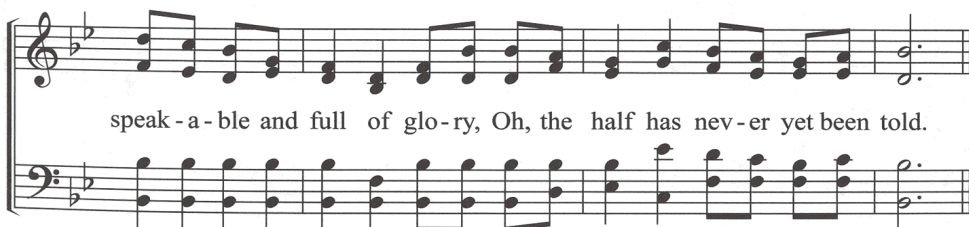
ev - 'ry need; While I sit and learn at Je - sus' feet,
 peace with - in; What a won - drous bless - ing! I am saved
 realm of grace; Oh, the Sav - ior's pres - ence is so near,
 glo - ry roll! It is like a great o'er - flow - ing well,



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 Am Resolved

Palmer Hartsough

James H. Fillmore

1. I am re - solved no long - er to lin - ger, Charmed by the
 2. I am re - solved to go to the Sav - ior, Leav - ing my
 3. I am re - solved to fol - low the Sav - ior, Faith - ful and
 4. I am re - solved to en - ter the king - dom, Leav - ing the
 5. I am re - solved, and who will go with me? Come, friends, with-

world's de - light; Things that are high - er, things that are no - bler -
 sin and strife; He is the true One, He is the just One -
 true each day; Heed what He say - eth, do what He will - eth -
 paths of sin; Friends may op - pose me, foes may be - set me,
 out de - lay; Taught by the Bi - ble, led by the Spir - it,

These have al - lured my sight.
 He hath the words of life. I will has - ten to Him,
 He is the liv - ing way.
 Still will I en - ter in. I will has - ten,
 We'll walk the heav'n - ly way.

Has - ten so glad and free; Je - sus,
 has - ten, glad and free; Je - sus, Je - sus,

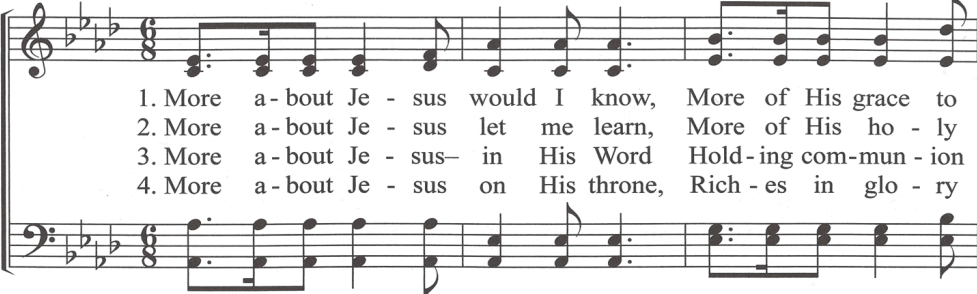
great - est, high - est, I will come to Thee.

CCL# 11398205


More About Jesus

Eliza E. Hewitt

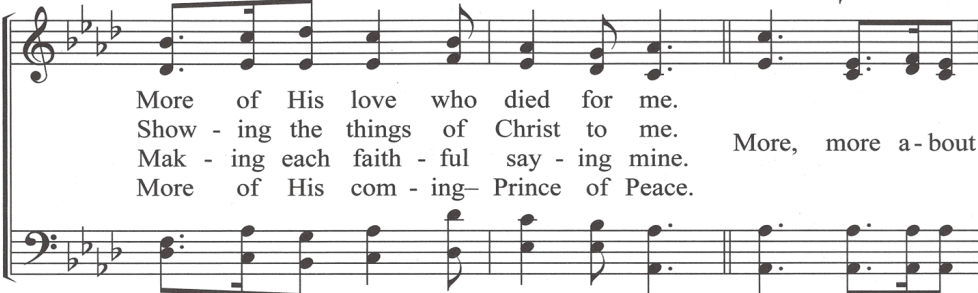
John R. Sweney



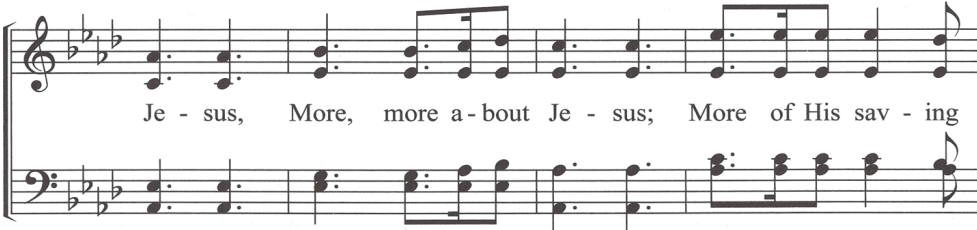
1. More a - bout Je - sus would I know, More of His grace to
 2. More a - bout Je - sus let me learn, More of His ho - ly
 3. More a - bout Je - sus— in His Word Hold - ing com - mun - ion
 4. More a - bout Je - sus on His throne, Rich - es in glo - ry




oth - ers show, More of His sav - ing full - ness see,
 will dis - cern; Spir - it of God, my teach - er be,
 with my Lord, Hear - ing His voice in ev - 'ry line,
 all His own, More of His king - dom's sure in - crease,



More of His love who died for me.
 Show - ing the things of Christ to me. More, more a - bout
 Mak - ing each faith - ful say - ing mine.
 More of His com - ing— Prince of Peace.



Je - sus, More, more a - bout Je - sus; More of His sav - ing

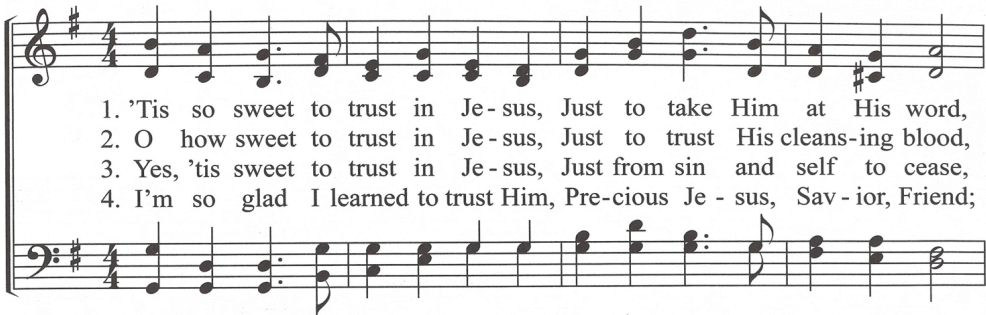


full - ness see, More of His love who died for me.

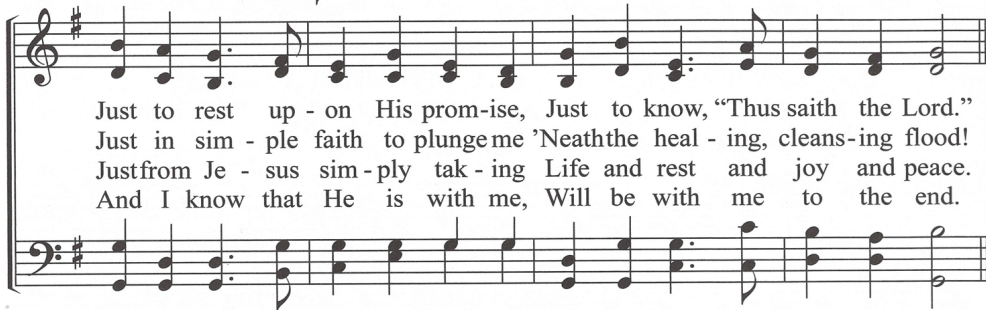
Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead

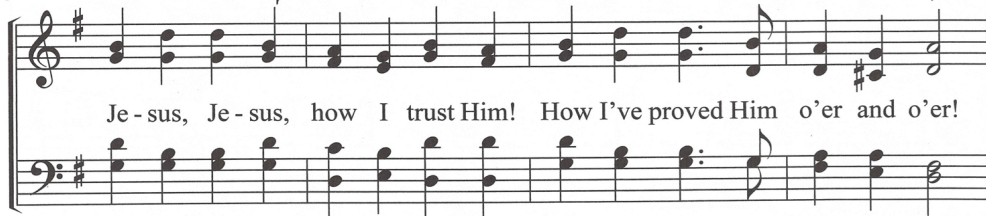
William J. Kirkpatrick



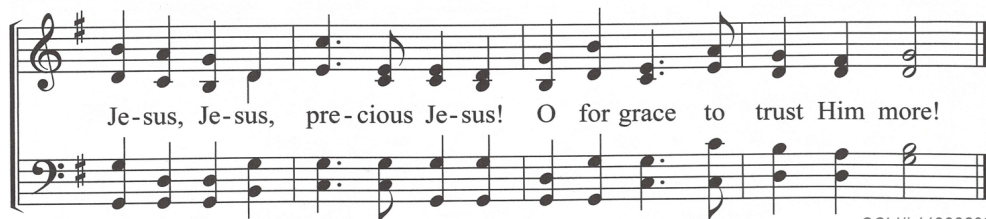
1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je-sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je-sus, Just to trust His cleans-ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je-sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



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.

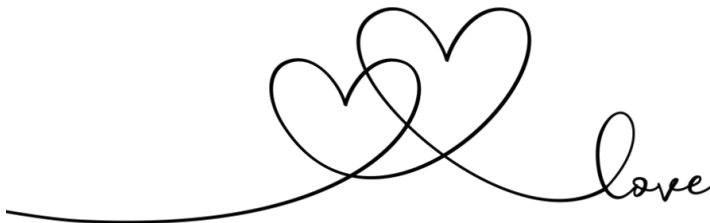


Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



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

CCLI# 11398205



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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score includes four verses of lyrics, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are: 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. The second system of music continues the lyrics: 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. The third system of music continues: O there's sun - shine, bless - ed sun - shine, When the peace - ful,; hap - py mo - ments roll; When Je - sus shows His; The fourth system of music concludes with: smil - ing face, There is sun - shine in my soul. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

CCLI# 11398205

Follow On

William O. Cushing

Robert Lowry



1. Down in the val-ley with my Sav-ior I would go, Where the flowers are
 2. Down in the val-ley with my Sav-ior I would go, Where the storms are
 3. Down in the val-ley or up-on the moun-tain steep, Close be-side my
 bloom-ing and the sweet wa-ters flow; Ev-'ry-where He leads me I would
 sweep-ing and the dark wa-ters flow; With His hand to lead me I will
 Sav-ior would my soul ev-er keep; He will lead me safe-ly in the
 fol-low, fol-low on, Walk-ing in His foot-steps till the crown be won.
 nev-er, nev-er fear, Dan-ger can-not fright me if my Lord is near.
 path that He has trod, Up to where they gath-er on the hills of God.

1.
 Fol-low! fol-low! I would fol-low Je-sus! An-y-where, ev-'ry-where,

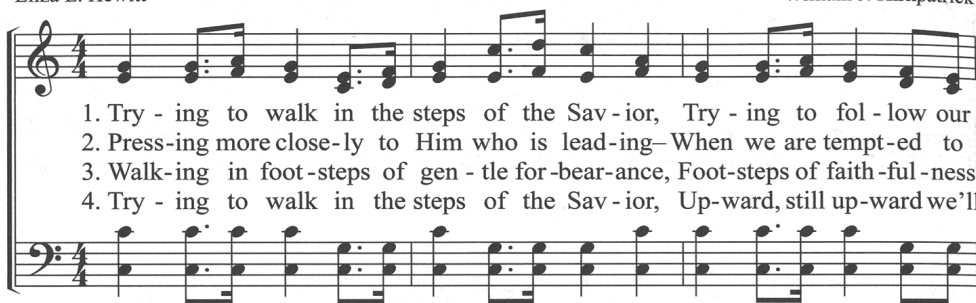
2.
 I would fol-low on! Ev-'ry-where He leads me I would fol-low on!

CCL# 11398205

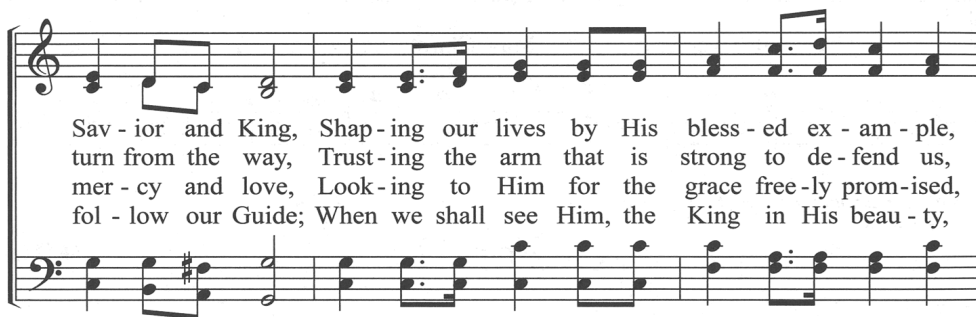
Stepping In The Light

Eliza E. Hewitt

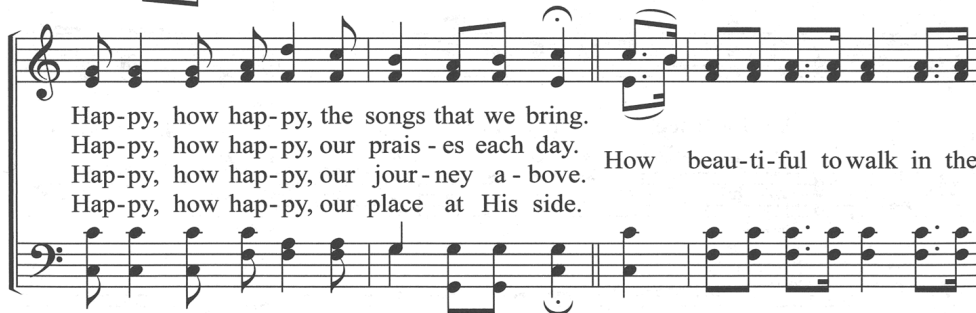
William J. Kirkpatrick



1. Try - ing to walk in the steps of the Sav - ior, Try - ing to fol - low our
 2. Press - ing more close - ly to Him who is lead - ing - When we are tempt - ed to
 3. Walk - ing in foot - steps of gen - tle for - bear - ance, Foot - steps of faith - ful - ness
 4. Try - ing to walk in the steps of the Sav - ior, Up - ward, still up - ward we'll



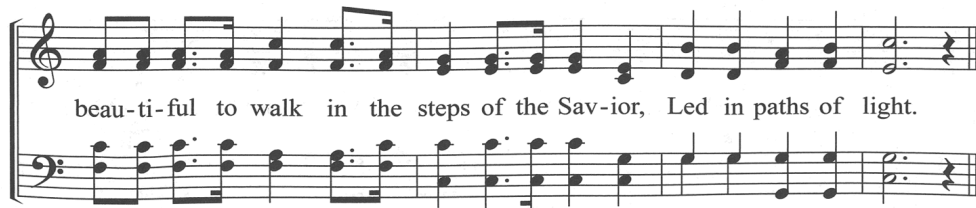
Sav - ior and King, Shap - ing our lives by His bless - ed ex - am - ple,
 turn from the way, Trust - ing the arm that is strong to de - fend us,
 mer - cy and love, Look - ing to Him for the grace free - ly prom - ised,
 fol - low our Guide; When we shall see Him, the King in His beau - ty,



Hap - py, how hap - py, the songs that we bring.
 Hap - py, how hap - py, our prais - es each day. How beau - ti - ful to walk in the
 Hap - py, how hap - py, our jour - ney a - bove.
 Hap - py, how hap - py, our place at His side.



steps of the Sav - ior, Step - ping in the light, Step - ping in the light; How

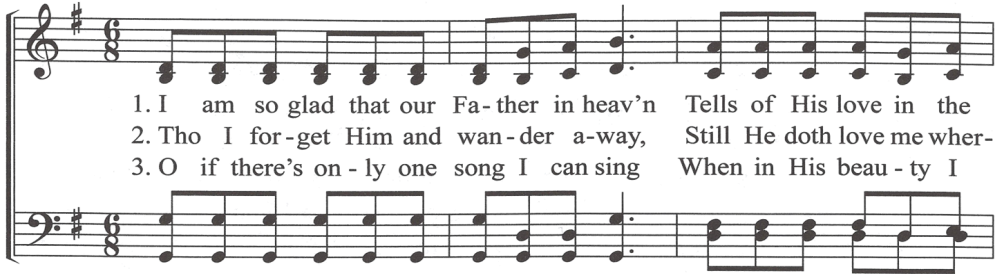


beau - ti - ful to walk in the steps of the Sav - ior, Led in paths of light.

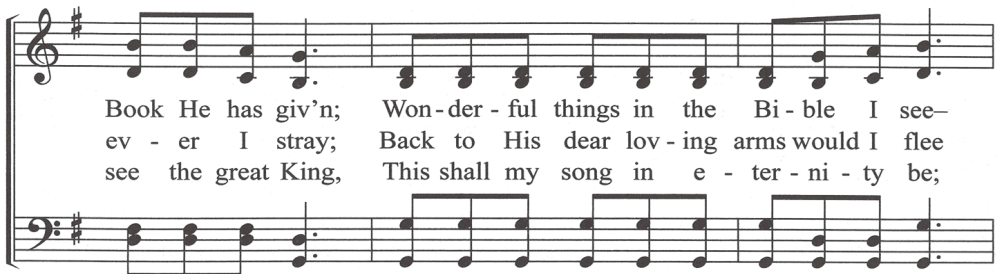
Jesus Loves Even Me

Philip P. Bliss

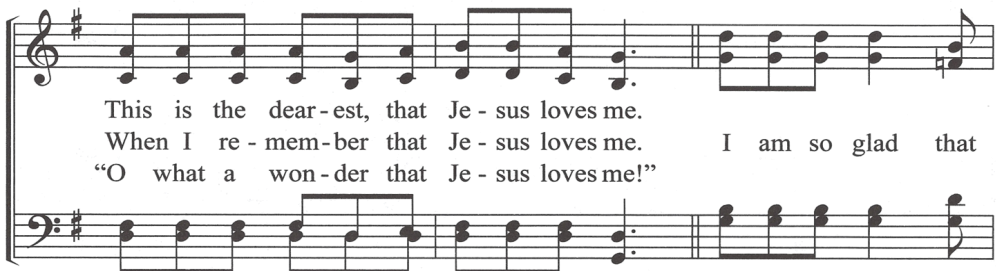
Philip P. Bliss



1. I am so glad that our Fa-ther in heav'n Tells of His love in the
2. Tho I for-get Him and wan-der a-way, Still He doth love me wher-
3. O if there's on-ly one song I can sing When in His beau-ty I



Book He has giv'n; Won-der-ful things in the Bi-ble I see-
ev-er I stray; Back to His dear lov-ing arms would I flee
see the great King, This shall my song in e-ter-ni-ty be;



This is the dear-est, that Je-sus loves me.
When I re-mem-ber that Je-sus loves me. I am so glad that
"O what a won-der that Je-sus loves me!"



Je-sus loves me, Je-sus loves me, Je-sus loves me;

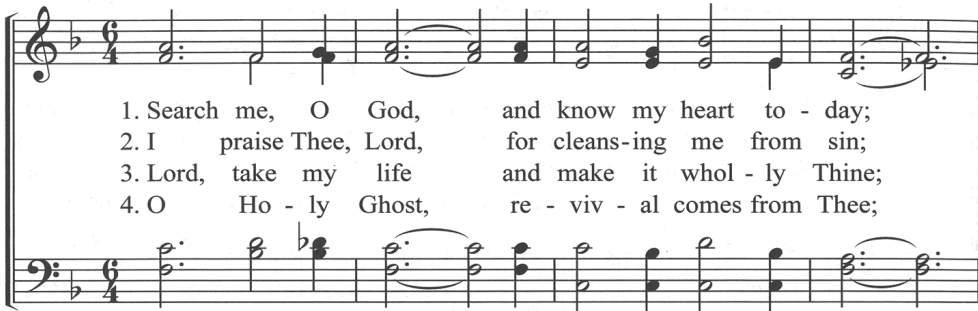


I am so glad that Je-sus loves me, Je-sus loves e-ven me.

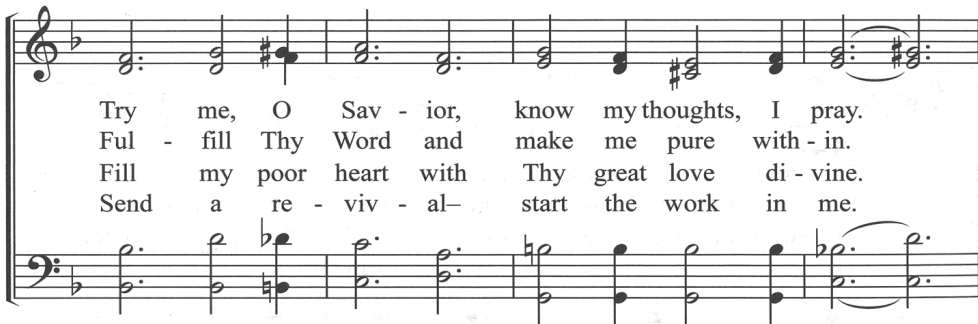
Cleanse Me

J. Edwin Orr

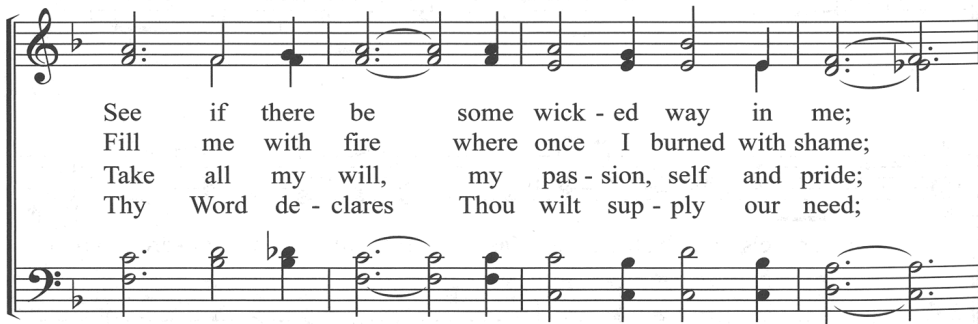
Maori Melody



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 - bide.
 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 for a two-part setting in 2/2 time. It features a treble and bass staff for each system. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The score includes three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The final system has two lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

CCLI# 11398205

LIVING UNITED
Marriage Ministry

BUSINESSES

ANDY B'S
ARCADE CITY
BELK
BEYOND THE LENS
CHATEAU ON THE LAKE
DICK'S 5 & 10
FIRST IMPRESSIONS
GOURMET BOUQUET
HILTON

KIRKLAND'S
KLASSY GIRL BOUTIQUE
RADISSON
TOY MUSEUM
TWO TALL DESIGN, LLC
-CHRIS JAQUESS
VETERANS MUSEUM
WONDERWORKS

RESTAURANTS

BILLY GAIL'S - 5291 State Hwy 265 (417) 338-8883
BLACK OAK GRILL - 601 Branson Landing Blvd (417) 239-0063
BOB EVANS - 801 W. Main (417) 336-2023
CANTINA LAREDO - 1001 Branson Landing Blvd (417) 334-6062
CHEDDAR'S - 2935 W 76 Country Blvd. (417) 213-3188
CiCi's - 3460 W. State Hwy 76 (417) 239-0109
CINNABON/AUNTIE ANNE'S - 307 Branson Landing (417) 334-3730
COLDSTONE CREAMERY - 1615 76 Country Blvd (417) 239-0801
CRACKER BARREL- 3765 76 Country Blvd (417) 335-3003
CULVERS - 1309 Missouri 248 (417) 334-4494
DENNY'S - 2335 76 Country Blvd (417) 339-3670
FAMOUS DAVE'S - 1855 W 76 Country Blvd. (417) 334-4858
FLORENTINA'S - 2690 Green Mountain Dr. (417)337-9882

FUDDRUCKER'S - 1615 76 Country Blvd (417) 334-6666
GETTING BASTED - 2845 76 Country Blvd (417) 320-6357
GODFATHERS PIZZA - 1026 W. Main (417) 332-1001
GOLDEN CORRAL - 3551 Shepherd of the Hills Expy (417) 336-6297
GREAT AMERICAN STEAK & CHICKEN HOUSE - 2421 Missouri 76 (417) 335-6699
HEREOS - 3225 W. 76 Country Blvd. (417) 334-2766
JOE'S CRAB SHACK - 717 Branson Landing (417) 337-7373
KEETER CENTER - 1 Opportunity Ave. Point Lookout (417) 239-1900
KILWINS - 813 Branson Landing (417) 334-9240
KRISPY KREME - 150 Tanger Blvd. (417) 339-2664
LAND SHARK - 915 Branson Landing (417) 385-5014
McFARLAIN'S - 3562 Shepherd of the Hills Expy (417) 336-4680
MELLOW MUSHROOM - 333 Branson Landing (417) 320-5082
OLIVE GARDEN - 3790 76 Country Blvd (417) 337-5811
PAPA JOHN'S - 2715 76 Country Blvd (417) 337-7272
PASGHETTI'S - 3129 W. 76 Country Blvd. (417) 335-0690
PEPPER PALACE - 902 Branson Landing (417) 559-6905
PIZZA RANCH - 1464 Hwy 248 (417) 337-5060
POP CULTURE - 1217 Branson Landing (417) 710-8195
RED LOBSTER - 3559 Shepherd of the Hills Expy (417) 337-5988
STARBUCKS - 201 E. Main (417) 334-1390

WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD KINDLY FILL OUT THIS RESPONSE CARD,
AND RETURN IT TO US AFTER THE LAST SESSION

What is your age group?

- ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60+

Gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female

Are you a Pastor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What state do you live in?

- ☐ MO ☐ AR ☐ KS ☐ OK ☐ IA ☐ IL ☐ IN ☐ TX ☐ _____

Is this your first year attending the Retreat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lord willing, will you return next year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What hotel did you stay in?

- ☐ Chateau on the Lake ☐ Hilton ☐ Westgate
☐ Radisson ☐ Own Lodging

How were your accommodations? ☐ Poor ☐ Average ☐ Good

How important are these:	Not Important.....Very Important				
Classroom Set-Up (Tables & Chairs)	1	2	3	4	5
Snacks	1	2	3	4	5
Giveaways	1	2	3	4	5
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: _____

General Session #1 - Pastor Steve Brudnak

- ✚ Faith
- I. First
- II.A. Attachment
- II.B.1. (Name), (Faith Step)
- III.A. Process

Connected Couple - Pastor David Corley

- II.A. Primary
- III.A. Different
- III.C. Reciprocated
- IV. Problem
- IV.B. Miserable
- IV.C. Native
- V.A. Learn
- V.C. Help
- V.D. Alone

Parenting Couple - Pastor Tim Berlin

- I.B. Practice
- I.B. Produce
- II.A. Exercises
- II.B. Examples
- III.A. Communication
- III.B. Conversation
- III.C. Charity
- III.D. Christ-likeness
- III.E. Consistency
- III.F. Chasity
- IV.A. Christ
- IV.B. Truth
- IV.C. God
- IV.D. Spirit

General Session #2 - Pastor Tim Berlin

- I. Voice
- I.A. Blowing up
- I.A.a. Decibels
- I.A.b. Derision
- I.B. Clamming
- I.B.a. Communication
- I.B.a.1. Compassionate
- I.B.a.2. Consistent
- I.B.b. Confrontation
- I.B.b.1. Questions, Accusations
- I.B.b.2. Statements, Conclusions
- I.B.b.3. Solutions, Complaints
- II. Responsibility
- II.A. Love
- II.A.a. Leading
- II.A.b. Learning
- II.A.c. Leaning
- II.A.d. Laughing
- II.B. Respect
- II.B.a. Sweetness
- II.B.b. Submission
- II.B.c. Sensitivity
- II.B.d. Speaking

General Session #3 - Pastor Tim Berlin

- I.A. Influence
- I.A.a. Manipulation
- I.A.b. Mandates
- I.A.c. Mentality
- I.B. Stewardship
- I.B.a. Entrusted
- I.B.b. Expected

- I.B.c. Emphasized
- I.C. Character
- I.C.a. Being
- I.C.b. Doing
- I.C.c. Saying
- II.A. Exactly
- II.B. More
- II.B.a. Positive
- II.B.b. Proactive
- II.C. Later
- II.C.a. Precept
- II.C.b. Principle
- II.C.c. Practice

- II.A.a. Person
- II.A.b. Church
- II.A.c. Pastor
- II.A.d. Job
- II.B. Battered
- II.B.a. Personality
- II.B.b. Weakness
- II.B.c. Sinful
- II.B.d. Blind
- III.A. Treasure
- III.A.a. Selfishly
- III.A.b. Short
- III.A.c. Satisfaction
- III.B. Field

Purposeful Couple - Pastor AJ Potter

- 1. Belief
- 2. Balance
- 3. Battle
- 4. Brevity

Faithful Couple - Pastor Jerry Pyle

- 1. Heard, Believed, Acted
- 3. Responsibility
- 4.A. Joseph
- 4.B. John the Baptist
- 4.C. Paul
- 4.D. Jesus

General Session #4 - Pastor Tim Berlin

- I.A. Man
- I.A.a. Seek, Save
- I.A.b. Purchase, Preserve
- I.B. Field
- I.C. Treasure

GOD WITH US

PASTORS COUPLES RETREAT December 4-6, 2023

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a blessing to your Pastor

☐ I am a Pastor, interested in:

☐ Coming to this retreat, and would like more information

☐ Financially supporting this retreat

☐ I am a church member who has a desire to see that our church sends our Pastor

☐ I have checked with my Pastor, and he doesn't mind you sending information directly to me.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Church Name: (include City & State) _____

APPENDIX



TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

PHOTO CONTEST

Contest Closes @:

10pm Friday Evening

Win a



CATEGORIES

Romance

Humor

Creative



417-416-4304

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOTS!

One photo entry per couple

Photo must be taken during your time at the retreat

Please include name of couple



Skit **Contest 2024**

Grand Prize

2 Free 2024 Retreats

&

Inclusion at the 2024 Retreat

- 1 entry per couple
- Skit must be in video form
- Must be Submitted by February 1, 2024
- Include couple's name and church name

Please see website for full details:

www.livingunited.com



20% off

Dine-in food purchase

3562 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway | Branson | 417-336-4680

Not valid with any other offers
Not valid for whole pies or retail items
Open Fridays 3:30-7:30 pm
Sat & Sun 11 am-7:30 pm

***Offer Expires: February 18, 2023**



20% off

Dine-in food purchase

2690 Green Mountain Drive | Branson | 417-337-9882

Not valid with any other offers or alcohol
Open Fridays 3:30-7:30 pm
Sat & Sun 11 am-7:30 pm

***Offer Expires: February 18, 2023**



20% off

Dine-in food purchase

3225 76 Country Blvd | Branson | 417-334-2766

Not valid with any other offers or alcohol
Open Fridays 3:30-7:30 pm
Sat & Sun 11 am-7:30 pm

***Offer Expires: February 18, 2023**



1201 Branson Landing | Branson | 417-334-4858

\$5 OFF
\$25 purchase



Not valid with any other offer or alcohol

*Only Valid: **February 16-18, 2023**



Ozarks Style BBQ

2845 76 Country Blvd | Branson | (417) 320-6357

10% OFF
ENTIRE PURCHASE

Valid: February 16-18, 2023

mellow MUSHROOM



205 Branson Landing Blvd. | 417.320.5082



Cantina LAREDO.
modern mexican

1001 Branson Landing Blvd | Branson | 417-334-6062

15% off Entire Purchase



*Only Valid: **February 16-18, 2023**



601 Branson Landing Blvd | Branson | 417-239-0063

15% off Entire Purchase



*Only Valid: **February 16-18, 2023**



life needs frosting™

307 Branson Landing | 417-334-3730 | 10am - 7pm

Auntie Anne's®
• Freshly Baked •



307 Branson Landing | 417-334-3730 | 10am - 7pm



1215 Branson Landing Blvd | Branson

www.BransonsBestRestaurant.com

Open
11am - 7pm



Your Choice:

FREE

Cheese Ravioli

or

1/2 price Sample

(with purchase of
two adult entrees)

3129 West Hwy 76 Country Blvd | Branson, MO | 417-335-0690
(Next to the Titanic Museum)

Expires: June 30, 2023

COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED PRIOR TO ORDERING. COUPON IS NOT VALID WITH
ANY OTHER OFFER, DISCOUNT OR VOUCHER. LIMIT: ONE (1) COUPON PER TABLE PER VISIT.



2 DOUBLE DELUXE FOR \$8



Valid only at Culver's of Branson
1309 State Hwy. 248 • Branson, MO
417-334-4494



culvers.com

©2014 Culver Franchising System, Inc. 319-02-14

*Only Valid: February 16-18, 2023



BOGO CONCRETE



Valid only at Culver's of Branson
1309 State Hwy. 248 • Branson, MO
417-334-4494



culvers.com

©2014 Culver Franchising System, Inc. 319-02-14

*Only Valid: February 16-18, 2023

Gourmet Bouquet

FRUIT ARRANGEMENTS | BELGIAN CHOCOLATE | FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

MyGourmetBouquet.com

827 W Main St. Suite 106 | Branson | MO | 65616

(417) 320-6320



Godfather's Pizza

3

THIS NOTE IS NOT
LEGAL TENDER

*Not valid with senior, kids or local
discount or any other offers. Valid
at participating locations only.
Limit one coupon per buffet. Not
redeemable for cash. Dine-In only.*

This Entitles you to

\$3

OFF 2nd BUFFET 1026 WEST MAIN STREET

(When you purchase one adult
buffet at regular menu price)

BUFFET HOURS:
MONDAY - SATURDAY
11-1:30pm LUNCH 4-7:30pm DINNER

BRANSON, MO
417.332.1001

3

OFFICIAL PIZZA BUCK

3

3

Krispy Kreme

DOUGHNUTS

150 Tanger Blvd
Branson, MO 65616

(417) 339-2664



**10% off
Entire
Purchase**

**One of the Last
5 & 10's in
America!**

103 W. Main St.
Branson
417-334-2410



*Only Valid: **February 16-18, 2023**



1615 W 76 Country Blvd | Branson | 417-334-6666

10% off Entire Purchase



LIVING UNITED
Marriage Ministry

*Only Valid: **February 16-18, 2023**



TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

1217 Branson Landing

300 Tanger Blvd #202

Open Daily
10am-7pm



Free Billion Dollar Bacon
with purchase of two entrees

3300 Gretna Rd Branson, MO | 417-544-1211

Only Valid: February 16-20, 2023

Cheddar's

SCRATCH  KITCHEN™

2935 W 76 Country Blvd | 417.213.3188



\$3 OFF
any two lunch
entrees.



"Like" us on Facebook for
more news and special offers.

This coupon may be redeemed for \$1.50 off each single adult lunch entrée. Limit two single adult entrées per coupon. Coupon is not redeemable for cash or with any other coupon or special offer. Coupon is not redeemable on kids menu items. One coupon per visit. Cash redemption value: 1/20 of one cent. Coupons may not be reproduced, sold, transferred or traded. Applicable taxes paid by bearer. ©2014 Darden

Concepts, Inc.

03

EXPIRES: 12/31/23



\$4 OFF
any two dinner
entrees.



"Like" us on Facebook for
more news and special offers.

This coupon may be redeemed for \$1.50 off each single adult lunch entrée. Limit two single adult entrées per coupon. Coupon is not redeemable for cash or with any other coupon or special offer. Coupon is not redeemable on kids menu items. One coupon per visit. Cash redemption value: 1/20 of one cent. Coupons may not be reproduced, sold, transferred or traded. Applicable taxes paid by bearer. ©2014 Darden

Concepts, Inc.

04

EXPIRES: 12/31/23

10% OFF



ANY FOOD ORDER

Offer Valid: February 16-18, 2023

Andy B's
BOWL SOCIAL



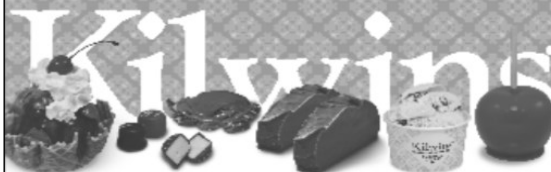
405 Branson Landing | 417-213-8631 | Thurs. 12-8pm | Fri./Sat. 12-9pm

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Buy 2 Get 1 FREE!

Kilwins Branson 417-334-9240

813 Branson Landing Blvd; Coupon Expires 2/28/2023



CHOCOLATES FUDGE ICE CREAM



2715 W. MO 76 suite 100
Branson | 417-337-7272

Good for
in-store or
online

**25% off
with code BG25**



*Only Valid: February 16-18, 2023



**INTERACTIVE
ADVENTURE!
FOR ALL AGES!**

FLYRIDE

**FULLY IMMERSIVE ADVENTURE
GIVING YOU THE FEELING OF FLIGHT!**



\$5 OFF!
**EACH ADULT
TECHNO-TAINMENT
COMBO**

Must be presented at
time of purchase.
Not valid with other
offers or discounts.
Exp. 12/31/2023

3115 W. 76 Country Blvd. 417-337-9333 • BEYONDTHELENS.COM

"All Access Ticket"

\$19.99+ tax

per person

(Retail Gate Rate: \$31.99)

Offer Valid:

February 16-18, 2023

*Ages 4 and under are Free



2835 W. 76 Country Blvd. | Branson, MO | 417.231.9999

<https://www.wonderworksonline.com/branson>

- Living United Wristband **must** be shown to receive discount
- No other discounts or coupons will apply



Available at
201 E. Main St | Branson



2335 W 76 Country Blvd | Branson | 417-339-3670

15% off Entire Purchase



*Only Valid: February 16-18, 2023



801 W. Main St | Branson | 417-336-2023

20% off
with purchase of beverage



*Only Valid: February 16-18, 2023 *Branson location



3551 Shepherd of the Hills Expwy | Branson
417-336-6297

Offer Valid: February 16-18, 2023

KIRKLAND'S

Valid: 2/16/23 -2/18/2023

10% OFF

ENTIRE TRANSACTION

205 Branson Landing Blvd.
*Branson location only



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

Couples Inventory

- ☒ 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!