

Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **Wives**, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup> **Husbands**, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

- **A daily decision to grow in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **A commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **A decision to live for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

## 2. Manage Your Marital \_\_\_\_\_.

Contributing Factors to an Overdrawn Marriage Account

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### **HOW TO Restore the Romance**

- Begin making “\_\_\_\_\_” into your relationship account.
- Personally return to the “\_\_\_\_\_” days by doing the things you did at first.

- Ask your spouse if you are currently meeting his/her \_\_\_\_\_ and what you can do to start.

“HIS NEEDS, HER NEEDS: *Finding Fulfillment in Your Marriage*” Willard F. Harley Jr., Ph.D

#### **MALE**

- **FIRST NEED:** *Sexual Fulfillment*
- **SECOND NEED:** *Play with me.*
- **THIRD NEED:** *An attractive wife.*
- **FOURTH NEED:** *Domestic support.*
- **FIFTH NEED:** *His wife's admiration.*

#### **FEMALE**

- **FIRST NEED:** *Affection*
- **SECOND NEED:** *Talk with me.*
- **THIRD NEED:** *Honesty & Openness*
- **FOURTH NEED:** *Enough money to live comfortably*
- **FIFTH NEED:** *A strong family unit.*

## 3. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ Lines of \_\_\_\_\_ With Each other Every Day.

### **HOW WE COMMUNICATE**

7% = our \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
 38 % = our \_\_\_\_\_.  
 55 % = our \_\_\_\_\_ language.

**MEN:** *The communication Challenge*

**WOMEN:** *The Communication Challenge*

### **FINAL THOUGHTS...**

To Fireproof your marriage why not make a decision to focus on the basic building blocks of a great marriage?

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This is your final week of Small Groups. We hope you've enjoyed your time together. Thanks for making the commitment to be part of a group and build friendships with each other. We want to encourage you to find ways to meet for fun during the summer months.

Take some time to pray together as a group.

### AN OVERVIEW / REVIEW

**THE LOVE DARE:** Take some time to reflect on "The Love Dare" readings. What day are you on? What's been the most challenging? What's encouraged you? What new insights or lessons have you learned in this journey?

**THE MESSAGE:** Take some time to review the message outline from Sunday. What new lessons or insights did you gain from this message on marriage?

**THE SERIES:** Take some time to review the "Fireproof" message series listed below. Can you identify three lessons you learned that you are personally working on to improve your marriage?

**Message #1:** The Love Dare

**Message #2:** The Battle Cry of Marriage

**Message #3:** Finding Forgiveness in Marriage

**Message #4:** The Building Blocks of a Great Marriage

### QUESTIONS

1. What would you say to a person who feels like their marriage will not survive? What words of encouragement could you provide?

2. Spend time talking through point #2 in the message outline. What does a Christ-Centered Marriage look like?

**Pray together as a group for your marriages and families!**

**Series: "Fireproof Your Marriage"**

**Today's Message:**

*"The Building Blocks of a Great Marriage"*

**Pastor Cory Anderson / May 10, 2009**

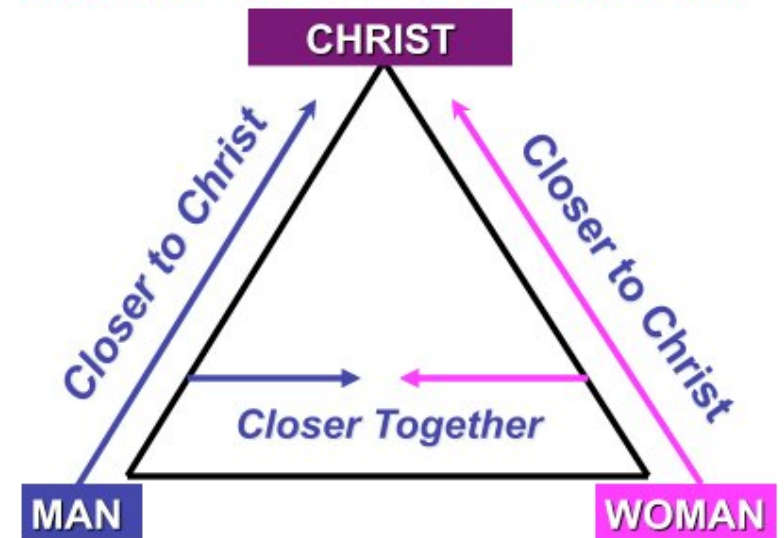
### INTRODUCTION:

**1. Develop A \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage.**

**KEY QUESTION:** *What does a Christ-Centered Marriage consist of?*

➤ **A growing \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.**

### A CHRIST CENTERED MARRIAGE



**Ephesians 5:18-33:** "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. **Instead, be filled with the Spirit.** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the