

6: "New people ... in marriage"

The Message

Introduction

Introduction to the series

Shaped by the gospel: the gospel changes who we are, and calls us to live according to our new identity.

We will look at the question: how does the gospel shape the Christian's marriage?

Main idea

Big Idea: Being a child of God transforms how you treat your spouse

Disclaimer: We are all in different places in regards to marriage: some are married, some are far away from being married, some have come out of very painful/hurtful marriages. This passage will apply more immediately to you the closer you are to marriage. However it applies to everyone, because marriage is a part of our culture and lives, and the more our understanding of marriage moves towards God's intention for marriage, the better we will be able to develop our marriages, prepare for marriage, or give advice to those who are married or moving towards marriage. So, this will apply to each of us.

Connect with Mother's Day (a gift from God, a passage focused on them)

Read entire passage

1 Peter 3:1-3:7

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What is	What could be
<p>Transition: this is the opposite of where we normally start (how I am treated instead of how I treat her/him)</p> <p>What's most important is how you treat me</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What most important to us in marriage is how we are treated• We have needs (affection, sexual intimacy, conversation, friendship, honesty, good-	<p>Transition: What if we were totally focused in the wrong place</p> <p>How you treat your spouse is most important</p> <p>God is more concerned with how you treat your spouse, than with how your spouse treats you. * abuse exception of course</p> <p>Command / what God wants them to do</p>

<p>looking spouse, economic security, domestic support, family commitment, admiration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our expectations have to do with our needs • Everything good in our marriage gets attributed to having our needs met • All the problems in marriage come from unmet expectations (how we expected to be treated but aren't) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Divorce, separation, fights, withdrawal, complaints 	<p>1 Peter 3:1, 5-7</p> <p>Wives: Respect/submit (to follow his leadership, pray for, speak when the Spirit guide you)</p> <p>Husbands: be comprehensive (pastor their soul, don't be demanding))</p> <p>The important thing is how you treat the other, regardless of how they treat you</p> <p>Being a child of God transforms how you treat your spouse</p>
<p>Transition: But focus on the treatment I give, rather than the treatment I receive is impossible</p> <p>Impossible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing this does not come naturally, neither for men or for women • He does not deserve it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ not a good leader ◦ he is not a Christian ◦ I don't feel led to follow • She does not deserve it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ She does not do what I want ◦ She do not follow me 	<p>Transition: What if there was another motivation, another reason to do this</p> <p>She is a new creation</p> <p>Root /motivation</p> <p>the identity of the woman as a child of God</p> <p>1 Peter 3:3-7</p> <p>Wife: You're new, your submission to your husband reveals on the outside who you are on the inside (new, submitted to God)</p> <p>Husband: Your wife is a daughter of God loved and accepted, your sister before being your wife</p> <p>Being a child of God transforms how you treat your spouse</p>
<p>Transition: So, now we don't see any point to marriage</p> <p>Marriage has no meaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It takes away our reasons for getting married <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nobody gets married because of what they will give (in spite of love, romantic love is selfish "could not live without you") • To think that now my needs are not the 	<p>Transition: What if there was another entirely different purpose for marriage, and instead of existing to serve your needs, marriage exists to achieve this other purpose?</p> <p>Purpose: For us to help each other get to heaven</p> <p>1 Peter 3:1-2, 7</p> <p>Purpose / effect: their spiritual relationship (your soul, your prayers)</p>

<p>purpose of my marriage destroys me</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ opens the door to the possibility that I will not get what I want/need from my marriage ● Opens the door to giving without receiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is the gospel (God gave us all, we gave nothing) ● You can not complain about about what you aren't receiving 	<p>Purpose of marriage is to help us follow Christ</p> <p>Ephesians parallel (for men)</p> <p>Being a child of God transforms how you treat your spouse</p>
<p>Next Step</p> <p>Christian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women: What area of your marriage you see lack of Submission? ● Man: What are the times when you're not kind to her? ● Change how you see marriage (not for your needs but to lead your spouse to Christ) <p>Non-Christian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be made new in Christ 	

Communion

This text, like almost all 1 Peter, once again brings us to the reality that God makes his children. If this has happened in your life, this is when we remember what God did for us, and we thank him together.