

# Marriage

6 GOSPEL COMMITMENTS EVERY COUPLE NEEDS TO MAKE

## Marriage – Gospel Commitments – Lesson 04

### Gospel Foundations

1. The gospel shapes my expectations for marriage (Ch. 1).
2. The gospel gives me reason to continue (Ch. 2).
3. The gospel teaches me about true love (Ch. 3).
4. The gospel compels me to live for the One who died for me, in all the little moments of life (Ch. 4).

### Gospel Commitments

1. We will give ourselves to a regular lifestyle of confession and forgiveness (Ch. 5-6).
2. We will make growth and change our agenda (Ch. 7-8).
3. We will work together to build a sturdy bond of trust (Ch. 9-10).
4. We will commit to building a relationship of love (Ch. 11-12).
5. We will deal with our differences with appreciation and grace (Ch. 13-14).
6. We will work to protect our marriage (Ch. 15-17).

### Chapter 5 – Coming Clean: Confession

- I. **Restoration and change come through \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(2 Corinthians 7:9-11).**
  1. Repentance involves change of \_\_\_\_\_: sorrow (9).
  2. Repentance involves change of \_\_\_\_\_: thinking (10).
  3. Repentance involves change of \_\_\_\_\_: action (11).
  4. Genuine repentance is a work of God, through \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Timothy 2:25).
- II. **Notice the grace of confession:**
  1. It is a grace to \_\_\_\_\_ right from wrong (James 1:22-25).

2. It is a grace to understand the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ sin.  
(Matthew 15:18-20).
3. It is a grace to have a properly functioning \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 13:15; Hebrews 3:13).
4. It is only grace that protects us from \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 John 1:8).
5. It is a grace to see ourselves with \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:9-14).
6. It is a grace to be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
criticism and rebuke (Proverbs 15:31-33).
  - a. Learn the humility of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Learn the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. Look for both mistakes and sins.
    - ii. Beware of minimizing and blame-shifting.
    - iii. Listen to the input of others – even if it comes to you in a sinful way.
    - iv. Consider your heart. Who were you serving?  
What was ruling you? What needs to happen in your vertical relationship with God?
  - c. Learn the courage of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
7. It is a grace not to be paralyzed by \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 1:9).
8. It is a grace to know that we can face our wrongs because Christ has carried our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:1).

### III. Develop Daily Habits of a Confession Lifestyle

1. We will be lovingly \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:1-4).
2. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ when exposed.
3. We will not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We will be quick to \_\_\_\_\_ wrongs (Ephesians 4:26).
5. We will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We will greet confession with \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:32).
7. We will be patient, persevering, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of wrong (2 Timothy 2:24-26).
8. We will not return to the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. We will put our hope in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. We will \_\_\_\_\_ our sin.

#### ***The Seven "A"s of confession, from The Peacemaker by Ken Sande:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone involved.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ if, but, and maybe.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ specifically. What would God say about it?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the hurt.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your behavior.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ for forgiveness (and allow time).

11. We will \_\_\_\_\_ to growth and change.
  - a. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to help us to grow and change.
  - b. We can \_\_\_\_\_ with God in this process and help each other!

Next Week – Chapter 6