

# Marriage

6 GOSPEL COMMITMENTS EVERY COUPLE NEEDS TO MAKE

## Marriage – Gospel Commitments – Lesson 08

### 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 11 – All You Need Is Love

Two problems: (1) There are many things we call love that are not love (Chapter 11), and (2) we lack a clear definition of what love is and what love does (Chapter 12).

What is love? (1 John 3:16)

From Chapter 12 – “Love is willing \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of another that does not require reciprocation or that the person being loved is deserving.” (p. 210)

And yet, we grow accustomed (blind) to: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of love, or (2) \_\_\_\_\_ love, and behind both of these: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

## What are some indicators of a “love drought” – a lack of love?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 188)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 190)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 190)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ dysfunction (p. 191)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 193)

**There are also many forms of “faux love” – false love.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 193)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 194)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 195)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 197)

**Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe the first time you said, “I love you” to someone. What did that phrase mean to you when you said it for the first time? What should we mean when we say those words?
2. Tripp says that “unity results when love intersects with difference.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
3. Where are some common areas that “faux love” (self-love) might be hiding in our marriage relationships? What are some ways we can check ourselves to reveal what’s in our hearts?