

MEET ME HALFWAY

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Matthew 5:40-42 *And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

1. The _____ in Meeting Halfway.

a. Because our love and loyalty is on our spouses

Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

b. Because our _____ hinges on and waits for our spouses _____

James 4:17 *Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

c. Because we are unable to _____ define halfway

d. Because our focus is on our spouse's _____ and not our _____.

Matthew 7:3 *And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*

2. The _____ of Selfishness

“Any situation that calls me to confront my selfishness has enormous spiritual value... the real purpose of marriage may not be happiness as much as holiness...”

Your pursuit should be:

- How can I please the _____?
- What does _____ want me to do?
- How can I make this relationship _____ despite everything?

Why is selfishness destructive?

- It focuses is on getting rather than _____

Philippians 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

- It results in anger instead of _____
- It spends _____ to please self instead of others

Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

- It places an _____ on my spouse instead of myself

3. The _____ of a Servant

How does a servant conduct themselves?

- Servanthood is founded upon _____

1 Peter 5:5 *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

- Servanthood focus on _____ rather than being _____

Galatians 5:13 *For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

All of us should focus on:

- How am I _____ my spouse?
- What can I do to make them successful?

- Know your _____
- Know their likes and _____
- Know their _____

- Servanthood does good without any intention of receiving something in _____

“if you expect nothing, everything is a blessing”

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

- Servanthood focuses on my _____ over my rights

4. The _____ to Serve our Spouse

Philippians 2:5-8 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

So what do we need to do?

- _____ my spouse for the purpose of understanding

1 Peter 3:7 *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.*

- Find _____ ways to serve your spouse
- Make the necessary _____ for your spouse

John 15:13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

1 John 3:16 *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*