

Marriage on the Rock

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The Most Important Issue in Marriage

Phil 4:11-13 How Can I Do "Marriage"

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
NIV

- Reality is that we are going to be in need and have plenty/being content and hungry etc. in our life and in our marriage. We realize our promises from the Marriage Covenant we shared with each other:

- **VOWS**

Please face each other, hold hands and repeat after me:

I, **GROOM** take you, **BRIDE**, in covenant, to be my wedded wife; and I do promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

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- Paul is building an important case. He is not needing anything from them as his baseline. He wants them to step up to the plate and do what they are suppose to do, BUT his need for them is second to his relationship with Christ....who has met all Paul's needs already. Which includes the "negative" stuff too.
- **The Four Basic Needs** we all have that are met in the Lord first> then we walk it out in our marriage. We are His hands into our spouses life.

Acceptance

Acts 10:34-36

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. NIV

Met in Our Marriage:

- You should be your spouse's greatest supporter!
- Key: Above the Children/grandchildren> your spouse
- Accepting the process as we mature in Christ.

Identity

Ps 139:13-14

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. NIV

Met In Our Marriage:

- Our prayer should be to see God's picture of our spouse> they are made in His image and not yours!
- My life is defined by Him. "God does not make junk"
- Who I am in Christ transforms who I am as a husband or wife.

Security

Ps 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." NIV

Met In Our Marriage:

- My security is in Him not in my spouse BUT...
- I still should expect my spouse to come along side in the safety zone of my life
- Since God is my shelter HE can speak to my heart as to how and what my spouse needs to feel safe.

Purpose

Jer 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."NIV

Met In Our Marriage:

- God's purpose is God's purpose> stick with it.
- We need to be secure in His plan and then from that place of security move as a couple to the bigger things.
- Daily, we help each other grow in His plan. Hear each other's heart, passion etc.