



## TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH

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*“To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to **cherish**, as long as we both shall live.”*

In part two of this series, Tyler teaches us that if you cherish your spouse, you can change your marriage.

**What does “cherish” mean to you?**

**READ - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8** “How does cherish compliment love?”

### 3 Ways to Cherish Your Spouse

1. **Be a student of your spouse. READ and discuss different versions of 1 Peter 3:7.**

*A man who honors his wife, will protect, respect and cherish her. Why do you think it is important?*

*Jesus said that if you have a problem with a fellow believer, you must make it right before coming to worship (Matthew 5:23-24). Does this apply to marriage? How?*

2. **Help your spouse’s light shine brighter. READ - Matthew 5:13-16**

*Christians should affect others in a positive way. How can we intentionally shine a positive light on our spouse and others?*

3. **Play good offense and defense with your thoughts. READ - Nehemiah 4:16-17**

*How does this passage apply to a relationship?*

**Contempt = the opposite of cherish. READ - Philippians 4:8**

*What is contempt? How can it destroy a relationship?*

**“Cherish means to go out of our way to notice someone, appreciate someone, honor someone, and hold someone dear.” -Gary Thomas, author of Cherish**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Describe a marriage where one or both partners practiced cherishing their spouse. What did it look like, and how did it inspire you?
2. If a marriage is marked more by contempt for each other than cherishing each other, how might our hope in God give us hope in our marriages? (\*see Zechariah 8:6)
3. What is one way you can cherish your spouse (or a loved one) this week?

**CHALLENGE :** Ask your spouse (or someone important in your life)

***“What makes you feel cherished?”***

**COMMIT TO MEMORY**—*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.”* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### **GOING DEEPER:**

Compare each of the following scriptures with **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** and answer the question “How does cherish compliment love?”

**Ephesians 5:25**

**Ephesians 5:28-29**

**Song of Songs 4:10**

**Song of Songs 2:14**

**Song of Songs 1:15**

**Song of Songs 5:16**