



AS LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE

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This is our final week in our series **For Better or For Worse**. We started by looking at what it means to live out the promise “For Better or For Worse” in real life through the amazing honesty of Ryan and Jess Suzuki and their testimony as a married couple. Last week Tyler taught on what it means to “To Love and to Cherish” from a biblical point of view. In this message, Pastor Bill Haslim speaks primarily to people who aren’t yet married. He talks about what it means to live out the words... *“from this day forward... as long as we both shall live.”*

Love isn’t something you fall into. We fall into a romantic fascination. We fall into infatuation. We fall into a physically tempting attraction. But love -real love- isn’t something we fall into. If love were something we just fell into, then it would also be something we just fall out of.

1. Does your definition of love match God’s?

READ - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

These passages are not talking about romantic love. It is talking about loving others the way that God loves us. Isn’t this the kind of love we want in our friendships and with our family members? Go through these passages and talk about all of the ways we should love others. Give examples.

The patterns and priorities we establish when we’re single become the foundation for every future relationship we build - especially marriage.

2. Is Jesus your first and highest relationship?

Stop looking for your soulmate. No one can truly fill that role...except Jesus.

READ - John 6:35, John 8:12, John 15:5 and Matthew 22:37-39

According to these passages, how does Jesus love you?

If Jesus is your number one relationship, then you will want your future spouse to love Jesus first too.

3. Are you truly content in Jesus?

READ - Philippians 4:12

Do you believe what you have in Jesus is better than anything you could ever get from someone else? What does it mean to truly be content?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What patterns or priorities do you need to change in order to prepare for a future relationship OR repair a current relationship?
2. How does making Jesus your first and highest relationship affect your relationships with others or your spouse?
3. In what ways does contentment in Christ affect your relationships?

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”* Ephesians 5:1-2

MARRIAGE MENTORS

If you are looking for ways to strengthen and improve your marriage, we have a great ministry at CPC called Marriage Mentors that will pair you up with another couple that has been married longer and can offer some guidance. Go to

<http://www.cpcdanville.org/marriagementors/>