

Person

1. What things have promoted or prevented a healthy, respectful relationship between you and your parents/children?
2. What drives the erosion of respect between parents and children (e.g. rules, finances, expectations, other people)?
3. What do you expect from your friends, coworkers and neighbors (e.g. companionship, support, accountability, growth)?
4. What is your criteria for a friend versus an acquaintance?

Problems

1. For what have you not forgiven yourself?
2. How have you tried to define yourself (e.g. your skills, energy, emotions, title)?

Partner

1. What role do your parents play in your marriage? How do your parents compete with your spouse?
2. Are your spouse's friends your friends? Why or why not? Should they be?
3. How do you decide what amount of time you'll spend with friends versus your spouse?
4. How do you resolve problems in your marriage? How do you handle blame or fault?
5. Is there a "record book" for who has done what in your relationship? How is it kept? How is it updated? Does it record faults/failures or hopes/happy times?



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Our Purpose
why we exist

The purpose of the church is to bring glory to God.

Our Mission
what we do

Love God • Love People • Make Disciples

Our Core Values
how we do it

Worship - lifting up the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
Connect - living in community, loving and supporting one another
Grow - equipping believers to live in obedience to God's Word
Serve - helping people discover and use their God-given talents
Reach - transforming lives and communities with the good news of Jesus Christ

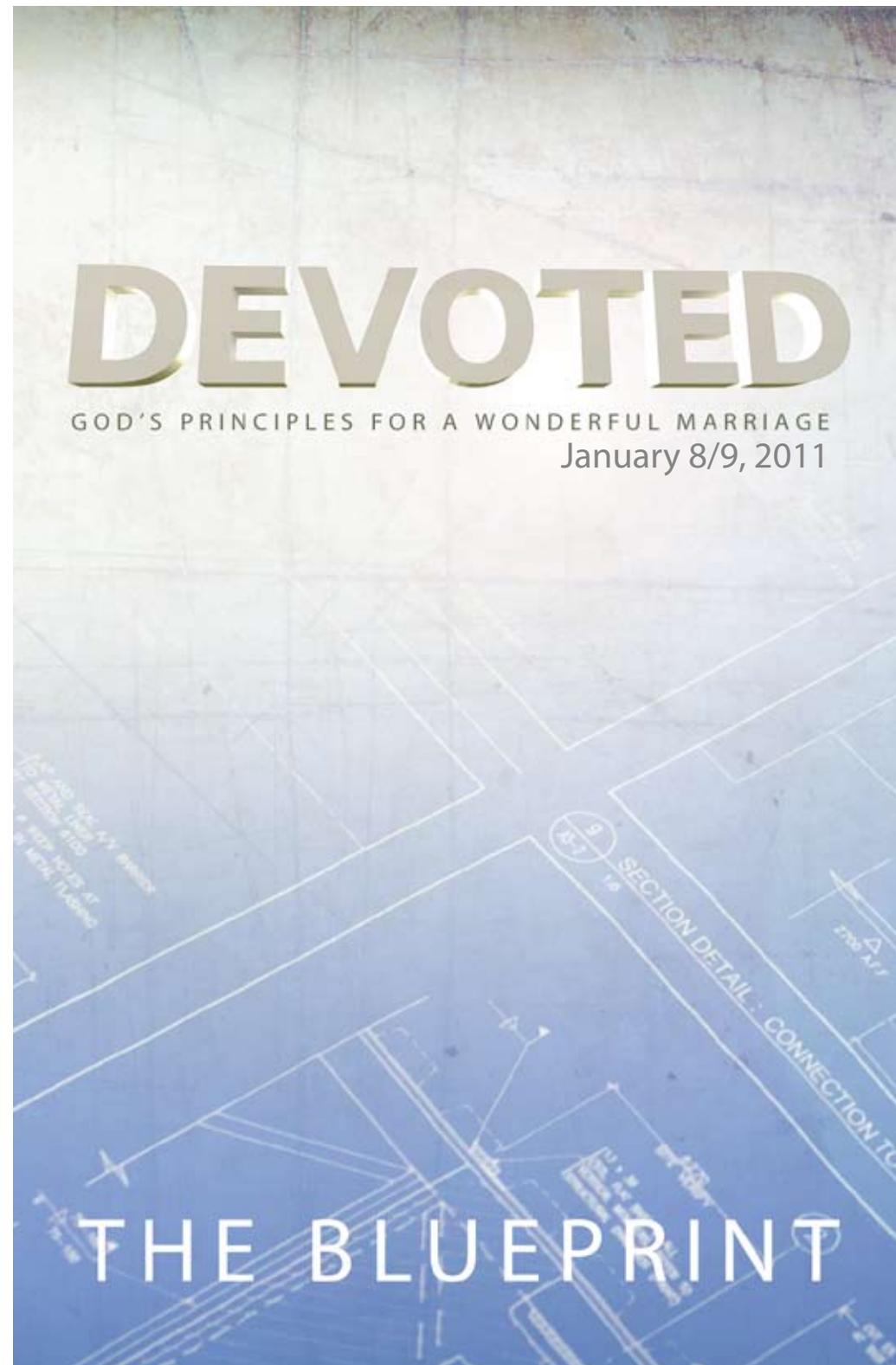
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Devoted: The Blueprint

Genesis 2:15-25
Pastor Rick Countryman

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. "At last," the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh. She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. Genesis 2:15-25 (NLT)

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. Verses 21-22

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Verse 24

3 things to let go of if I'm going to have the fulfilling marriage God meant me to have

1. I need to let go of my _____ if I want to have a great marriage.

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Verse 24

My _____ shouldn't have to compete with my _____.

2. I need to let go of other _____ if I want to have a great marriage.

3. I need to let go of my past _____ if I want to have a great marriage.

3 kinds of problems that will mess up my marriage if I don't let go

1. I need to let go of _____.

2. I need to let go of _____.

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.*

The serenity prayer

3. I need to let go of _____.

What's the solution?

If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing. 1 John 1:9 (GN)

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That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

2 crucial commitments of becoming one (cleaving) with my spouse

1. _____ consider _____ an option.

2. Do whatever it _____ and whatever it _____ to make my marriage work.