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Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing

Challenges That Marriages Face – Wednesday – 1-25-17 – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
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1. Phases/Changes Marriages Go Through - Spiritual Highs & Spiritual Lows, Love Filled Periods & Selfish Periods

Freedom from Slavery High -Exodus 13:3, 3And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place.

Freedom from Slavery Low - Exodus 14:11,11Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?”

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2. Infidelity / Adultery, Pornography, Drug or Alcohol Addictions, Physical or Emotional Abuse: Broken Trust & Rebuilding Trust

Discontent - Exodus 32:1-6, 1Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

Poor Advisors & Friends /Idol Worship -Exodus 32:2-4, **Perversion** -Exodus 32:5, **Consequences** - Exodus 32:20, **Passiveness** - Exodus 32:22-26,

Decision Needed/ Rebuilding Trust - Exodus 32:26, 26then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever is on the Lord’s side—come to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

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3. Social Media, Boundaries, Unfulfilled Expectations, Open Access All Phone & Email Accounts, Difference in Priorities, Need for compromise

Boundary Examples: How violation caused trouble

First Thing God Did was Establish Boundaries - Genesis 2:15-16,15Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

No Boundaries: Kings go out to battle, David should have went out to Battle –

2 Samuel 11:1, 1It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. d

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4. Finances, Openness, Shared Income, shared vision for success, Separate Roommates or Married Lovers, Additions of Children

God designed Marriages to be ONE - Genesis 2:23-25, 23And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” 24Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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5. How to Love and Respect When Difficult - Unfulfilled Roles, The need for healthy alone/individual time - Spiritual Uplift, Women or Men Ministry Studies, Exercise, Personal devotions.

Jesus’ Example of How to Approach a Difficult Task - Matthew 26:36-39,44, 36Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” 37And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” 39He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” 40Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”42Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” 43And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

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