

FIREPROOF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

"Love 4 A Lifetime"

Matthew 19:3-6 (Pew Bible Page 696)

"Marriages that can last through the bliss and the blisters"

SEASON ONE: ROMANCE

- Love is a FEELING
- The key is to remember what goes up...

SEASON TWO: REALITY

- Love is a DECISION
- It's normal...you're transitioning

SEASON THREE: RESENTMENT

- The object of our affection is not the TARGET OF OUR FRUSTRATION

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:12-14

- You have three choices:
 - 1) GIVE UP
 - 2) STATUS QUO
 - 3) LEAP OF FAITH

SEASON FOUR: REBUILDING

You need three skills

- 1) REMEMBERING
 - * We COMMUNICATE differently
 - * We THINK / FEEL differently
 - * We SPEND EVENINGS differently
 - * We APPRECIATE SEX differently

- 2) Asking and Granting **FORGIVENESS**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

- 3) Decide to **LOVE AND KEEP ON LOVING**

THIS WEEK'S LOVE DARE CHALLENGE

1. Affirming the difference in your husband, wife, or member of the opposite sex
2. Is there something you need to forgive and let go? Ask God to help you.
3. Make a commitment today: Decide to love and keep on loving.