

Dig-A-Little-Deeper

Love Affair

“Forever Faithful - God’s Authority in Marriage”

- Monday** When it comes to putting our marriages under the authority of God, that can seem vague. However, Ephesians 5:21 describes it fully. Memorize this verse. Meditate on what the first and the second part mean. Ask God to impress on your heart its specific meaning to your life, your marriage or future marriage.
- Tuesday** The Bible gets more specific about God’s authority in marriage in Ephesians 5:22-24. What do these verses say to you as a husband or wife in your marriage? It has nothing to do with who’s the boss or who gets to make all the decisions and be right all the time. Men, notice that we are to act **AS** Christ in this function. Ask God to shape your thoughts as a spouse in understanding the application of this verse. It’s all about the support a husband needs.
- Wednesday** Ephesians 5:26-28 leads husbands in understanding God’s authority in their lives and marriages. Note that 90% of the responsibility for a happy marriage rests squarely on the husband’s shoulders. It’s about taking responsibility to create a relationship and home of love just **AS** Christ did for the church – it’s sacrificial, selfless, shared. Men, ask God how you can be a husband who encourages a loving household and promotes your wife’s sense of health. Women, pray for your husband to be a man who loves his home.
- Thursday** Sometimes we confuse love with being a feeling we automatically feel. The Bible tells us in I Corinthians 13 that love is an action that, when done consistently, will produce feelings of affection and support. Prayerfully read this. How does your idea of love compare to this? Are you loving through action or are you simply waiting on the “love feeling” to happen? Ask God to help you be a lover rather than waiting for a lover to happen to you.
- Friday** Love often happens when we fulfill the emotional needs of those we love. For a Man to be irresistible to a Woman, this usually means that the following needs are met in the woman’s life: Affection, Conversation, Honesty and Openness, Financial Support, and Family Commitment. For further explanation on these, go to marriagebuilders.com and click on “emotional needs.” Pray about how you can become the person that fulfills those emotional needs in your spouse or dating partner. Ask God to help you be attractive through your servanthood.
- Saturday** For a Woman to be irresistible to a Man, this usually means that the following needs are met in the man’s life: Sexual Fulfillment, Recreational Companionship, Physical Attractiveness, Domestic Support, and Admiration. For further explanation on these, go to marriagebuilders.com. Ask God to help you be attractive through your servanthood.

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