



God's Relationship Mail for Marriage - Part 2

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The manner in which Jesus' demonstrates His love for the Church is a blueprint for the manner in which love should be demonstrated within the marriage relationship. Read Ephesians 5:25-33 (Message).

1. How does Jesus demonstrate His love for the Church?

2. What similarities do you see in Jesus' love for His Church and the love of a husband for his wife?

The husband is to love and lead; the wife is to love and be courteously reverent. Love is the foundation of marriage. Not romantic or sensual love, but unconditional love.

Love that is sacrificial

Ephesians 5:25

3. How does someone demonstrate sacrificial love?

4. When was the last time you demonstrated sacrificial love?

Love that is sanctifying

Ephesians 5:26

5. How does someone demonstrate sanctifying love?

6. When was the last time you demonstrated sanctifying love?

Love that is sustaining

Ephesians 5:28

7. How does someone demonstrate sustaining love?

8. When was the last time you demonstrated sustaining love?

Love that is secure

1 Peter 3:7

9. How does someone demonstrate love that is secure?

10. When was the last time you demonstrated love that is secure?

Love that is solid

Ephesians 5:31

11. How does someone demonstrate love that is solid?

12. When was the last time you demonstrated love that is solid?

13. Which of these demonstrations of love do you need to focus on to strengthen your marriage?

Family Discussion Starter:

Explain how marriage and the relationship between Christ and the Church both require love. Explain that this is not romantic love but love that puts the other person first. Name one or two ways that your family can demonstrate love to one another this week.