

# Yours, Mine & Ours

## Keys To Success (Week 2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Ideas

Harmony in the home happens when “we” is chosen over “me”.

### Key Scriptures

*Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.* Proverbs 17:9

*If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.* Matthew 18:15

*Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects your body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your body.* 1 Corinthians 6:18

*So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person.* Matthew 5:23-24

*Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.* Ephesians 4:2

*Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ.* Ephesians 5:21

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.* Philippians 2:3

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* Romans 12:10

### 5 ways to kill your marriage:

1. Keep score.
2. Broadcast failures.
3. Check the menu often.
4. Settle for bandaids.
5. Control, control, control.

### Start talking.

- Of the “5 ways to kill your marriage”, is there one that is more destructive than others?
- Describe at least one other way to destroy a relationship.

### Start thinking.

- Read Proverbs 17:9; Matthew 18:15; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Matthew 5:23-24; and Ephesians 4:2. Describe how each is an “antidote” to the “5 ways to kill a marriage”.
- Read Ephesians 5:1; Philippians 2:3; and Romans 12:10. How do those three verses form the foundations of a healthy relationship?

### Start sharing.

- How have you seen one or more of the “5 ways to kill a marriage” play out in your life?
- How has the pandemic exacerbated one or more of these?

### Start doing.

- What is one tangible/practical way you will show kindness to your spouse this week?
- What is one tangible/practical way you will offer forgiveness and grace this week to your spouse?

### Closing prayer.

Jesus, help me to love my spouse well. Help me Lord to guard my relationship from my own selfish impulses. Give me the conviction and courage to humbly love and value my spouse above myself. In your name, amen.