

The Vow

The Vow of Pursuit (Wk.2)

LifeGroup Notes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

I promise to always pursue my number two.

Key Scriptures

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Ephesians 5:2 MSG

Closing the gap between intentions and actions:

1. WHEN YOU THINK SOMETHING GOOD, SAY IT.

¹³ *But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13*

2. WHEN YOU THINK SOMETHING SPECIAL, DO IT.

¹⁷ *If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. James 4:17*

3. WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT, BE IT.

Do not merely read the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:32

Point to ponder:

Your relationship is perfectly designed to get the results you are currently getting.

Start talking.

- Describe one of your favorite scenes from a movie where a character expressed their love for another. Example: Boom box scene from "Say Anything".
- What is the silliest/funniest thing you've done to pursue a significant other?
- How does it feel to be pursued?

Start thinking.

- So often when we read the word "united" from Gen. 2:24, we think of a one time event. Yet the Hebrew word "dabaq" describes an ongoing process. Literally it means to "pursue closely". How does this idea impact your understanding of the verse?
- What are the implications to marriages when we view "united" as a one-and-done idea?
- What internal and external influencers push us away from the ongoing pursuit of our spouses?

Start sharing.

- What are some ways you like to be pursued?
- Describe situations that make it difficult to pursue others?
- Do you notice a gap between your intentions and actions? If so, explain.

Start doing.

- Whether single or married, describe one way you can pursue someone through positive words this week.
- How can you demonstrate through actions your love for your spouse this next week?
- Have you been waiting for your spouse/significant other to change? How can you begin to be the change you want to see in them?

Close in prayer.

This can be a particularly sensitive/painful topic for some relationships. Spend time in silence asking God to reveal His "always pursuing" love for each of us. Read Eph. 5:2 from the Message and thank Jesus for the ways he chases after us with extravagant love. Invite the Holy Spirit to renew our love for our spouses and help us bridge the gap between our intentions and actions.