

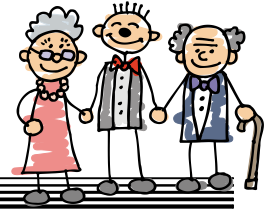
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Passing the Baton ^{part 1}

Rethinking the Importance of Your Marriage



1. Affirm _____ (Gen. 2:23-24)



2. Strengthen _____ (Col. 3:12-17)



Genesis 2:23-24

²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."
²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. In a "kids first" culture what are some of the important reasons for Christians to reestablish God's divine order within the family and his priority of the marriage relationship in the home?

Why do you think our culture has been so willing and inclined to put "kids first" and spouses second?

2. What practical steps can you take to affirm the foundational hub of "husband and wife" in your home?
3. How can you best affirm to your spouse your ongoing commitment to the covenant of marriage?

What are some of the benefits for children that come from growing up in a home with a strong, committed and loving marriage?

4. How specifically can you showcase for your kids the lordship of Christ in your life?
5. What will you do this week to strengthen your marriage?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

April 19th
Judg. 9-11 & Jn. 10
April 20th
Judg. 12-14 & Jn. 11
April 21st
Judg. 15-16 & Jn. 12
April 22nd
Judg. 17-19 & Jn. 13
April 23rd
Judg. 20-21 & Jn. 14
April 24th
Ruth 1-2 & Jn. 15
April 25th
Ruth 3-4 & Jn. 16
April 26th
1Sam. 1-2 & Jn. 17

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0521 – **Rethinking Marriage as a Sacred Covenant**
CD # 0522 – **Rethinking Marriage as a Divine Test**
CD # 0123 – **Conquering the Two-Headed Marriage**
CD # 0124 – **Defeating the Fire-breathing Marriage**
CD # 0130 – **Taming the Detriments of Divorce**

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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