

MARRIAGEWORKS



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The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past few months?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

*****Watch *The Crazy Cycle* video Session 1: What Is The Crazy Cycle?, before continuing with the following questions based on that video.*****

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the video

- Have you ever had a conflict with your spouse when suddenly the issue didn't seem to be the issue anymore? How did it escalate from something such as, say, working at the office late, to the serious marital conflict that it became?
- In conflicts that you have had with your spouse in which it became clear that the issue was no longer the issue any longer, what were some of the root issues that revealed themselves in these times? Were the root issues addressed, or was a Band-Aid placed over the root issue by merely dealing with the issue that wasn't really the issue? What would you do differently if you found yourself in the same situation?
- How can you relate to Jason and Sara's story? What reminded you of conflicts in your household and how you and your spouse typically handle them?
- Why do you believe **Ephesians 5:33** does not command the wife to love her husband and the husband to respect his wife? Do these omissions mean it is less important or secondary for the wife to love her husband and the husband to respect his wife? Explain.
- Do you fall into agreement with the results of Emerson's survey? Meaning, if you are a husband, would you agree that your number one felt need during conflict with your wife is her respect; and as a wife, would you say that your top desire from your husband during conflict is to be assured of his love for you? Have you ever shared that with him or her? If not, would you do so now?
- Over the course of the next week, start off each day by asking God to help you to better love and respect your spouse in order to glorify Him through your marriage. Close by praying this for your Pr'me.

The References

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 7:1-6 (MSG)

Now, getting down to the questions you asked in your letter to me. First, is it a good thing to have sexual relations? Certainly—but only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to “stand up for your rights.” Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it. I'm not, understand, commanding these periods of abstinence—only providing my best counsel if you should choose them.

Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

