



**NETWORK** 02/23/20

# MARRIAGEWORKS 02/23/20 MARRIAGEWORKS WHEN WE LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER

#### 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 <u>Session 4: Breaking The Crazy Cycle</u>, 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

- How do you make sense of 1 Corinthians 7:4? How does it relate to verse 28?
- Does it comfort you or worry you to hear that sometimes when we're in the Crazy Cycle with our spouse, we're right in the center of God's will? What does that mean to you?
- In the testimonial, Julie revealed that the turning point for her came when she learned that her relationship with her husband was a direct picture of her relationship with God. And of course, the same can be said for a husband's relationship with his wife. What does this mean? How are the two relationships connected?
- How does it help to always keep in mind, when in conflict, that your spouse is a person of goodwill and that he or she is concerned with pleasing you?
- How can our attitude and emotions toward our spouse flip-flop when we are able to decode that his or her unloving or disrespectful actions were in response to something unloving or disrespectful we unintentionally communicated to them first?
- •As we conclude this study, if you have not already, commit Ephesians 5:33 to memory and ask God to teach you how best to live it out in your marriage. If possible, close your time by having each married couple split off and pray this with their spouse (as individual couples, not in front of the whole group).

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#### The References

Main Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

So <u>encourage each other</u> and <u>build each other up</u>, just as you are already doing.

## 1 Corinthians 7:4 (NIV)

The <u>wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband</u>. In the same way, <u>the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife</u>.

## 1 Corinthians 7:28 (NIV)

But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

# 1 Corinthians 7:33-34 (NIV)

But <u>a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how</u> <u>he can please his wife</u>— and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But <u>a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband</u>.

# Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

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

