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Essential Jesus for Unsettled Days – Marriage Part 2

Colossians 3:18-19

Summary: Colossians 3 is all about heaven in and culture out beginning with our minds and moving to marriage. We, believers, want marriages that are not based on culture's roller coaster of concepts about marriage; we want Scripture's timeless truths about how God designed men and women to partner in this wonderful ride called marriage.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Genesis 3:1-10; Galatians 5:22

Community Group Questions

The Command - Love

- "The Bible doesn't command you to be *in love* with your wife, it commands you *to love* your wife."
- What is the Holy Spirit's role in producing agape love? (Galatians 5:22)
- How does Hosea's obedience to God reflect agape love?

The Warning - Don't be Harsh

- "Men want authority but don't want responsibility." What's the importance of recognizing the responsibility that comes with authority?
- "Eve might be guilty but Adam was responsible."
- How can knowing you're adequate in Christ keep you from becoming harsh? (Genesis 3:1-10)
- How did Jesus model responsibility?
- "The root of harshness is irresponsibility."
- "Three things that are making men irresponsible: porn, addiction, and video games."

4 Ways to be Responsible

Own it

- What are the benefits/challenges of saying, "Is it I?"

Use the Carrot

- "You will get more miles using honey instead of vinegar." How can you use encouragement as a guiding tool?

Use the Stick

- What is the challenge in knowing when/how to use the stick?

Be Proud

- What's the importance of being proud of the responsibilities that God has given you?