



“Love Never Fails”

Handouts: Chapter #10

Great marriages depend on our confidence in God’s ‘never failing love.’

- ✦ **Faith: Acquire God’s view of marriage (chapters 1-4)**
- ✦ **Forgiveness: Recover from marital setbacks (chapters 5-7)**
- ✦ **Friendship: Obtain a great marriage (chapters 8-10)**

A) A Channel of God’s Love

We bring God’s love into our marriage by loving!

- (1) Expect to make a _____ difference.
- (2) _____ that God enables us to carry out the plan.
- (3) _____ action carried out in time and space.

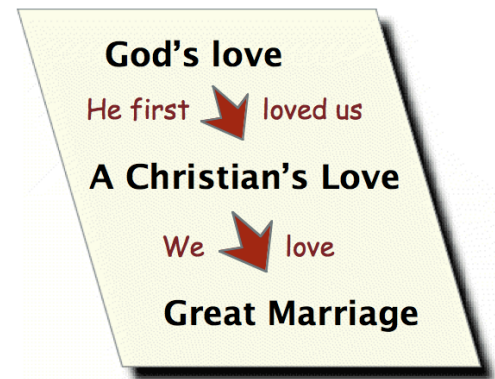
“We love, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

1) God _____ love to us through Jesus.

2) We _____ with love to others.

How do we gain His love?

By meeting with the Lord regularly.



God’s love must become our love before it makes an impact on our marriage.

B) A Description of God's Love (1 Cor 13:4-8a)

God has made it quite clear that if we meet regularly with Him that He will give us the love that we need for our daily tasks.



* **Love is patient!**

Do I express a forbearing spirit that enables me to listen to and care for my spouse?

* **Love is kind!**

Do I always express myself to my spouse in kindly manner?

* **Love is not jealous!**

Do I show jealousy or envy at the attention my spouse receives?

* **Love does not brag!**

Do I tell about my great accomplishments in such a way that makes my spouse feel 'small'?

* **Love is not arrogant!**

Do I think my needs are more important than my spouse's?

* **Love does not act unbecomingly!**

Do I act rudely or speak sarcastically to get more attention at the cost of my spouse?

* **Love does not seek its own!**

Do I seek the things that I like more than what my spouse prefers?

* **Love is not provoked!**

Do I get easily upset by my spouse during his or her irritable times when he or she makes me feel inferior, humiliated or just 'put down'?

✱ **Love does not take into account a wrong suffered!**

Do I quickly forgive my spouse and refuse to get bitter?

✱ **Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness!**

Do I take a sense of pleasure when my spouse agrees to do evil?

✱ **Love rejoices with the truth!**

Do I delight in seeing how God helps our marriage in so many ways through observing His truth?

✱ **Love bears all things!**

Do I shoulder the burden, pain or suffering that comes in order that we might have even greater marriage still yet?

✱ **Love believes all things!**

Do I trust God for help, strength and renewal for each marital difficulty that I face?

✱ **Love hopes all things!**

Do I treat each challenge in my marriage with a generous dose of expectation that God can somehow do something special even in the most desperate situation?

✱ **Love endures all things!**

Have I made a commitment to love and prize my spouse? Have I renewed that commitment at all?

✱ **Love never fails!**

Am I confident of the power of God's penetrating love in every aspect of my marriage?

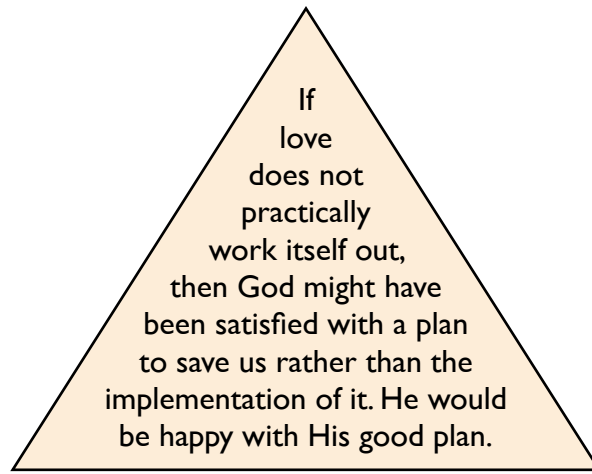
“Many waters cannot quench love, Nor will rivers overflow it; If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, It would be utterly despised” (Song of Songs 8:7).

Love excels

Love excels in accomplishing what we find most difficult to do:

- waiting rather than demanding;
- extending tender care to obstinate people;
- determining to fulfill the needs of others at cost to one's own needs and desires;
- acknowledgment of our weaknesses rather than clamoring for compliments.

Other Notes



BGM #10 Answers "Love Never Fails"
(1) Expect to make a **positive** difference.
(2) **Believe** that God enables us to carry out the plan.
(3) **Loving** action carried out in time and space.
God **initiated** love to us through Jesus.
We **respond** with love