

Pebbles of Truth

Couple's Worksheet

February 28, 2009

(This activity is designed primarily for married couples ... you could adapt it to lead a family devotional on the importance of mom and dad's marriage. We've included some guided conversation keys for you at the end of this page.)

Genesis 2:24-25 outlines the 4 Laws of Marriage. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. And the man and woman were both naked and unashamed."

Key Ideas:

Today's pebble of truth: we must "**leave**" anyone or anything that prevents us from making our spouses our number two priority (God first our spouse is second!)

Legitimate jealousy occurs when we allow anything, or anyone, no matter how important to consume your time and energy that rightfully belongs to your spouse. This can often be our parents, children, jobs, hobbies, etc. ...

Listen to the pebble again ... and then find a quiet place to sit and answer these questions. Just for fun get two chairs that you can set up so you're chatting knee to knee nose to nose. Print out these questions and take some time to answer them together:

"Knee to knee, nose to nose" questions:

- ✓ Share a little bit about how long it took you to get ready for your first date (with your spouse!)
- ✓ What are some ways you might continue to try to impress one another ... or seek to win the love and admiration of each other?
- ✓ Share a time when you felt that you both were just mutually coexisting ... sharing same space with no connection.
- ✓ Do we need to apologize to each other ... for taking one another for granted? If so ... do so ...

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How can we demonstrate our desire to pursue one another?

Action Plan:

- ✓ Do you need to **repent** to each other and to the Lord?
- ✓ **Remember:** What were some of the fun things you did while dating ... what did you do to win each other? How can you do them now?
- ✓ **Do them again** ... call, little gifts, look good ... etc.

If you'd like to include your children ... have them listen to the pebble of truth with you and then talk to them about why it is important for you and your spouse to keep loving each other ...

Explain that God is always showing us His love ... and talk about some ways you see that as a family ...

Talk about how you can demonstrate your love for one another as a family every day ... to pursue loving brothers and sisters ...

Close with a prayer thanking God for His love and for a loving family.

If this was helpful please let us know at feedback@pebblesoftruth.com ... or hit the feedback button on the site ... thanks!

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