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CLASS NAME: Prep for Marriage – 20/20 Vision: Reset, Refocus, ReZOOM | Lesson 4: Do You See Things Differently...Now?

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Do You See Things Differently...Now?

With the many challenges in the world today and the upheaval of society as we know it; lives have been permanently shifted. Not just our day to day lives but that of our future existence has shifted our viewpoints as well. Suddenly, all of God's precious gifts that were once inconsequential became coveted by all again. The world became cold and didn't care about His sacrifice. Now, many of us are in prayer more now than ever, our bibles have become our compasses and our faith our road maps to eternity. That's the great thing about new beginnings. It is seeing things differently the second time around. If you are still alive and breathing God is letting you know you still have time to fulfill your purpose and you should use it. And for the love of God, Use it wisely!

Romans 13:11 English Standard Version (ESV)

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

Reset, Refocus and Zoom-In

God is calling us to reset, refocus and zoom in on what we see as being valuable. Even what we value in a life mate. Premarital counseling is not only needed but vital. Therefore, as an individual you should begin to question every aspect of your relationship. Ask yourselves,

why are we together? What is our ministry? Is this engagement approved by God? Are you thankful not to be alone or are you thankful that there is no one else you would rather be alone with?

The Biggest Question of All Is...What are We?

If you are asking that, then you have bigger issues and we recommend that you do not get married. However, those found in this conundrum need to ask themselves, "Is this a relationship of convenience"? Are we roommate's? Are we Bill Buddies? Is this a lifelong engagement? Or is this a friends-with-benefits situation that we have forced into an engagement? Most importantly, have you asked yourself, are we staying together for the children? Then ask yourself do you really want the answer? But please don't wait until judgement day to find out the truth. Draw near to Him and he will draw near to you. Our Father has way of making crooked paths straight...if you let Him.

Isaiah 45:2-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

²I will go before you

And^(a) make the ^(b)crooked places straight;

I will break in pieces the gates of bronze

And cut the bars of iron.

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

And hidden riches of secret places,

That you may know that I, the LORD,

Who call *you* by your name,

Am the God of Israel.

Can I Be Myself?

Many of us yearn for a time where we can walk the earth freely without masks. But what if we were wearing mask all along? A facade, not being our true selves until the world around us forced us to. It is vital that with whomever you marry, that you can be your entire self. That it is okay to ask difficult questions. In return, it is okay to receive difficult answers.

Remember, you are in this together. It's a rough world out there to be joined to someone and not know your perceived value to them. Think about it...if you don't know your worth, why would they?

“The strongest relationships are the ones in which both partners can be themselves. Intending to change the other person or dramatically changing yourself to fit someone else's ideals dooms couples to failure. When two people have beliefs or habits that differ too much, it creates friction. For example, if one partner is devoutly religious and the other is an all-out atheist, it might be difficult for the couple to find common ground on the way that the universe functions. When a neat freak has to put up with the habits of a slob, there will be arguments.”

How to Stay Together When You Are Different From Each Other ~ Anna Chui

Is Your View of Happiness the way God Views Your Happiness?

John 10:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

What is An Abundant Life?

This word “abundant” in Greek is perisson, meaning “exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.”

You must understand that what God has planned for you and your life is far more than you could ever imagine!

1 Corinthians 2:9 English Standard Version (ESV)

⁹But, as it is written,

***“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—***

What if You and Your Mate See Happiness Completely different?

- *Does a lack of agreement mean you are not a good match for one another?*

Amos 3:3-5 New King James Version (NKJV)

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?

Will a young lion [a]cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?

5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no [b]trap for it?

Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?

The Art of Weighing the Value of Your Relationship.

*By now you should know exactly what you love about your relationship with your significant other. Equally, you should also know the unfavorable tendencies your mate has and if you can live with them or without them. We encourage you to look at your relationship objectively and weigh the value of your relationship. **Take your emotions, children, age, soul-ties or your pending nuptials out of the equation and allow truth to prevail.***

Due Sunday May 3rd

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Now...Make a Decision!