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Lines from Larry

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

I, (name), take you (name), to be my (wife/husband), **to have and to hold** from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; from this day forward until death do us part.

For years I counseled couples in both pre-marriage and after-marriage regarding the aspects of the later parts of the marriage vows such as “for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health”, but it wasn’t until my wife’s body chemistry got messed up that I really began to understand the power and impact of the first part of the marriage vows “to have and to hold from this day forward.”

To think we will have a perfect marriage where there are never “worse” times, or “poorer” times, or “sick” times is to live in a fantasy world. The truth is there will be plenty of times where a marriage will experience the negative side effects of life. It is not during the “better” or “richer” or “health” times that most of us struggle to endure it is during those negative times where we can easily drift apart from one another.

God’s Word tells us in Genesis 2:24 “therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” The word for “joined” is a word we normally would use for glue. Thus a man and woman should be “glued” together. Have you ever tried to pull apart two pieces of paper that have been glued together for more than a day? It is impossible. You will literally tear the paper in pieces that contain both pieces of paper. So it is with a husband and a wife...they should be so united that you would literally destroy both by trying to separate either one from each other.

I believe the “glue” that holds a marriage together is the part we often forget **“TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.”** This is the common denominator in a marriage. It is the foundation upon which a marriage will either stand or fall. It does not matter whether you are having the positive times in your marriage or the negative times in your marriage; you must remember **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.**

August Sermon Schedule

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

August 6 – The Sermon on the Mount - Introduction

August 9 – The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12

August 16 – Salt and Light, Matthew 5:13-16

August 23 – Jesus and the Law, Matthew 5:17-19

August 30 – Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, Matthew 5:20

Those serving in August

	6	13	20	27
Children's Church	Brenda	Joni	Joan	None
Communion Med & Prayer	Roger	Randy	Rodney	Blaine
Com. To Shut-ins	Roger	Randy	Rodney	Andy
Communion Prep	Peggy	Peggy	Peggy	Peggy
Front Door Greeter	Rodney	Nate	Betty D.	Ben
Greeters	Sue & Jimmy	Alice & Jace	Sue & Ron	Brenda & Rodney
Musician	Cheryl	Cheryl	Cheryl	Cheryl
Nursery	Angie	Alice C	Alice C	Angie
Offering Prayer	Rodney	Roger	Marc	Randy
Opening Prayer	Andy	Nate	Jancye	Tim
Screen	Marcus	Heaven	Marcus	Ruby
Scripture Reading	Larry	Tina	Heaven	Jancye
Sound	Nate	Rodney	Nate	Andy
Vocals	Jancye, Hannah & Joni	Jancye, & Hannah	Jancye, Hannah & Joni	Jancye, Hannah & Joni

Announcements

August 1: WJLY Sharathon. Larry will be interviewed during the sharathon at 7:42 AM & 7:57 PM.

August 6: Birthday Sunday
Collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.
FOCUS meeting following the service, no Sunday School.

August 20: Penny Sunday.

September 16: Women's Conference at First Baptist Church, see flyer on bulletin board for more details.

September 17: A Solo musical of "The Woman at the Well" will be performed during our message time by Myra Green.

September 23: Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services are putting on their 2nd annual Comedy Night. See flyer on bulletin board for more details.

Birthday's

8/1 Brandon Blackburn	8/17 Greg Blackburn
Julie Moreland	8/18 Meg England
8/3 Vickie Gallion	Tim England
8/4 Barb Kingery	8/19 Andy Carter
8/6 Diane Blackburn	8/20 Lane Austin
Curtis Lovejoy	8/21 Adilynn Saunders
8/7 Seth Eddy	8/22 Dana Hortenstine
8/11 Nate Hortenstine	8/24 Janis Hunt
8/15 Junior Thompson	8/26 Riley Brown
8/16 Andrea Rhodes	8/30 Mark Timmons





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Mega-Needs In Marriage

by Jimmy Evans

I want to tell you about the single primary need of both men and women. I call these the *mega-needs* because they are the driving forces of how we see life and how we hear everything that is said to us.

Women have four major needs, but their primary need – their mega-need – is security. We see the evidence of this in Ephesians 5. Women need to know they are going to be cared for by a sacrificial, selfless husband who is connected to them emotionally. And because this is a woman's primary need, everything she hears is encrypted through it.

When a husband talks to his wife, he will never succeed in communicating with her if what he says makes her feel less secure. In other words, even though he could be using all the right words, she is listening to more than his words. She is listening to his attitude and the tone of his voice.

She can tell if his heart isn't really connected to hers. She can tell if she isn't really a priority or if he sees her as a burden and a distraction from something else he is more interested in. And if a wife discerns that her husband is distracted or burdened by her, she will not accept his words to the contrary.

For a man to successfully communicate with his wife, he must encrypt every word with security. Regardless of what the conversation is about, she must hear through the tone of his voice and his attitude something like this: *Honey, you come first. You are the most important thing in my life, and you are worth anything else I need to sacrifice. You are not a burden to me. You're the love of my life. Even if I don't get what I want, you will get what you want because I will do anything to make sure you are taken care of.*

When a wife hears security in her husband's words, she relaxes and can hear what is being said. And of course, a husband must follow through with his words to make sure her need for security is met on every level. And let me tell you, from more than forty years of experience, when you sacrifice to meet your wife's need for security, there is a big payoff. It is worth whatever you have to do.

But men are different. We don't have the same need for security. Our mega-need is honor, so we see life through that lens and hear everything through that filter. Regardless of what is being said to a man, if he discerns disrespect in it, he will reject it.

Early in our marriage I told Karen that the way she said something to me was as important to me as what she was saying. That is the common sentiment of men. Even though we may be big and strong on the outside, we are very tender in our egos.

Because of this, a man will naturally gravitate to the place he gets the most respect and avoid places or people that make him feel disrespected. When a wife is communicating with her husband, she must understand this reality. Everything she says to him must be encrypted with honor and respect. Regardless of what she is saying, he must hear in her attitude and the tone of her voice something like this: *Honey, I believe in you. You are a good man and you have what it takes. I am your cheerleader and your biggest fan. We are on the same team and I am committed to you.*

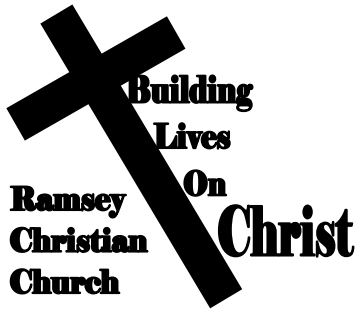
I want you wives to know that you are your husbands' equals in every way, and you have the right to say anything you want to say. But there are two important issues to point out. First, the tone of your voice and your attitude must communicate respect. Second, once you have said what you have to say, you cannot try to enforce your words through browbeating, negativity, physical withdrawal, sarcasm, or any other measure that he could interpret as disrespect. You will always have the most influence with your husband when he sees you as an ally and as someone who is meeting his mega-need of respect.

If you married a normal woman, she needs security. If you married a normal man, he needs respect. Learning to speak in your spouse's language is essential to successful communication. When both spouses learn to encrypt their language with their mate's mega-need, communication reaches another level as intimacy and passion grow as well.

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Attendance

7/2 98
7/9 91
7/16 92
7/23 90

Offering

7/2 \$2079.00
Birthday Sunday \$2.24
St. Joseph's \$156.00
7/9 \$2565.00
7/16 \$1781.00
Penny Sunday \$123.28
7/23 \$2675.00

RCC's Core Values

Rooted in the Word
Centered on Christ
Committed to Service

Ramsey Christian Church

Fellowship Time: 8:30 AM
Worship Service: 9:00 AM
Sunday School & Adult Electives: 10:30-11:00 AM
Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study: 8:30 AM

Missions

Bond Christian Service Camp
Inner City Mission of Springfield, IL
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
Lincoln Christian University
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
Pinehaven Children's Ranch-Montana
St. Louis Christian College
Tim Doggett-Africa
Jeff Stone—Assembly of God World Missions