

The Everyday Spouse Part 3 of 3
The Everyday Marriage
Song of Solomon 8:6-7
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Thesis: I want to show the challenges and blessing in the everyday marriage.

- Intro:
1. In way of recap, in our first lesson we focused on the everyday spouse in regard to the husband.
 - a. We talked about the spiritual traits the husband should possess.
 - b. We talked about the treatment of the husband towards the wife should be more than words.
 - c. We also talked about the husband working to solve differences between him and his wife.
 2. In our second lesson we looked at the everyday spouse in regard to the wife.
 - a. We discussed submission to husbands and were reminded from the scriptures that submission should not feel like oppression.
 - b. We looked at how the wife's value is more than skin deep and that the godly wife is truly a diamond in the rough.

I. Marriage in the storms

A. Storms take many forms

1. Financial difficulties
2. Health difficulties
3. Concerns with raising children
4. Trust issues
5. Lack of faith

B. How do couples handle these storms

1. Focus on God
 - i. A marriage will not survive unless God is the top priority.
 2. With God being the top priority the answers to troubles can then be found.
 - i. Financial issues – Christ reminds us to seek first the kingdom of God and our needs will be met (**Matthew 6:31-33**).
 - a. We do not have to be exceedingly wealthy or possess great things to find happiness and contentment (**Lk 12:15**).
 - ii. Health concerns – remember the power of prayer (**Lk 18:1b**)
 - iii. Concerns with raising children (**Eph 6:1-4**)
 - iv. Trust issues between husband and wife (**Heb 13:4**)
 - a. Remember the danger of unfaithfulness is real, in this life and the life to come (**Pro 7:18-27**)
- b. Song of Solomon 8:6-7**

II. Marriage in the sunshine

A. Sunshine like storms, takes many forms

1. These can come in the form of the opposite of what we just discussed.

2. No financial stress (not rich but no great concerns either), no overwhelming health concerns, children who respect their parents, no distrust between the husband and wife and above all – faithfulness to God.

B. Do not lose sight of what matters in times of sunshine.

1. Remember from whom all blessings flow (**Psalm 16:5-7**)

2. The Lord must be our focus (**Psalm 16:8**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. The marriage bond must expect storms.

1. Hard times, in its various forms, will affect everyone at different times in their life.

2. The husband and wife must be aware that these times will happen.

i. The couple must respond accordingly, with faith in God (**Isaiah 43:2**)

a. God was with Israel in difficult times and he will be with the new testament Christian as well.

b. **Psalm 91:4**

B. The husband & wife must know how to treat times of sunshine.

1. Keeping humble and being grateful for such times speaks volumes for the husband & wife. (**Ps 107:8-9**)

2. We can and should enjoy the good times.

a. The times of calm, the times of contentment

Application & Conclusion:

1. The marriage bond is a bond that not meant to be easily broken (**Ecc 4:12, v.12b**)

2. Everything has its season, and the marriage bond that centers around God can survive any season (**Ecc 3:1**)

3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9