

GOD'S BLUEPRINT  
FOR BUILDING A FANTASTIC FAMILY

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## Order of Service | May 17, 2020

Worship Team..... This Is Amazing Grace  
Welcome  
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Jesus We Love You  
Message..... Executive Pastor Dr. Rusty Sieck  
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## Blueprint for Marriage

*I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him... Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)*

### Blueprint for Marriage

*As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

**Ephesians 5:31-33 (NLT)**

**Covenant relationship, not a contractual agreement.**

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.*

**Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)**

**Witness to a watching world.**

## Steps to a Thriving Marriage

*So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)*

### Husbands:

Show affection.

Be attentive.

Listen without giving advice.

Plan alone time (just the two of you).

Help her.

### Wives:

Ask his opinion.

Tell him what you appreciate about him.

Use a loving tone.

Tell others about him.

Believe in him.

**Going deeper on your own:** Pastor Rusty encouraged us to take time this week to evaluate our marriages by asking what we need to be aware of to better reflect the love and respect that our marriages deserve. Set aside some time and be prepared to be honest and loving, seeking to bring things to light in the spirit of growing to be more like Christ and to strengthen your marriage for the sake of being a better witness for Christ to your family and the world. If you feel your marriage is in a difficult place, please reach out to the church. We would be glad to help you discover a marriage that can thrive.