



MESSAGE NOTES

Danny and Jackie Anderson
Marriage Matters, week 1

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.
- Proverbs 18:22*

1. We must communicate well.

- Practical Communication
- Emotional Communication
- Reflective Listening
*To answer before listening-- that is folly and shame.
-Proverbs 18:13*
- Speak Life
Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. - Proverbs 18:21

2. Intimacy is about giving not getting.

- *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:23*

3. Be trustworthy.

- Create a pattern of truth telling.
- Don't have friends who are the opposite sex.
- There is no "my business".
- *Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot.
- Proverbs 25:19*

4. Each of us must be growing spiritually.

- "The state of marriage is one that requires more virtue and more constancy than any other." - Francis De Sales
- *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Galatians 5:22-23*
- *As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness. - Psalm 17:15*

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Romans 5:6-21	MONDAY Romans 6:1-23	TUESDAY Romans 7:1-16
This Week →	July 19	July 20	July 21
WEDNESDAY Romans 7:17 - 8:8	THURSDAY Romans 8:9-21	FRIDAY Romans 8:22-39	SATURDAY Romans 9:1-21
July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSES: GALATIANS 5:22-23			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. Danny said, "Communication is absolutely essential for the success of any marriage." READ Proverbs 18:13. How would you rate yourself as a 'reflective listener'? What effect does reflective listening have in your relationships? Why?

READ Proverbs 18:21. Pastor Craig Groeschel says, "Never let any good thing go unsaid." What are some things you should be saying to your spouse but don't? Give some examples of ways your spouse speaks life to you.

2. READ Luke 9:23. How does the principle of denying self, help us elevate and focus on the needs of others? What are some of the primary reasons it is difficult to put others first?

MARRIEDS – Jackie said, "High levels of intimacy [in marriage] come from being on the same page mentally and emotionally." Are you and your spouse on the same page? Why or why not? READ Philippians 2:3-4. Discuss how this posture of humility in your marriage might help put you and your spouse on the same page.

SINGLES – How does the way men treat women affect how women view themselves? What burden of responsibility does that place on men? Do you think the way women treat men affects how men view themselves? How so? How can you practice God-honoring intimacy prior to getting married?

3. READ Proverbs 25:19. How difficult is life when you are in a relationship with someone you don't trust? What does trust provide for a relationship that nothing else can? What steps have you taken to become trustworthy in your relationship/marriage? What steps do you need to put in place in order to safeguard your relationship/marriage and build trust in all areas?

4. In every area of life, we understand that preparation and action are the keys to success, but when it comes to relationships and marriage preparation and action are often overlooked – and that may be why 50% of first marriages, 67% of second marriages, and 73% of third marriages end in divorce. Andy Stanley wrote, "We should become the person that the person we're looking for is looking for."

MARRIEDS – What did you do to prepare yourself for marriage? If you could go back, what personal changes would you make before beginning your life with your spouse? What do you know you need to begin doing right now to be the husband/wife God is calling you to be?

SINGLES – Briefly list the qualities of the person you're currently dating (or a person you would like to date). Then briefly list the qualities of the person you would like to marry. Are the qualities in the two lists the same? If not, why? Consider the "person I'd like to marry" list you just made – what kind of guy or girl do you think that person is looking for? Are you spending more time looking for the right person or becoming the right person? Why? What do you know you need to begin doing right now to be the husband/wife God is calling you to be?



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Greenwood Campus

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

810

GREENWOOD

2,797

TOTAL

Both Campuses
Attendance: 3,607
Offering: \$71,717

June Attendance Averages: Banta - 675 Greenwood - 2,723

June Giving Average: \$77,166

\$91,000 per week fully funds our 2-Year Vision.