

## NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

**Review:** Share with your group what you did last week to course-correct your marriage toward God's design for marriage.

**Icebreaker:** Before you jump into the discussion, take a minute for each spouse to share what they believe their spouses perfect day would look like.

1. What stood out to you in the talk this week?
2. Read the following verses and discuss how it applies to communicate with your spouse. Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 18:13, James 1:22, Philipians 2:3-4, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
3. Review each of the five needs discussed this week. When reviewing, ask these questions: What does this need look like when it is being met? What are the barriers to meeting this need? How do you practically overcome these barriers?
  - a. Communication
  - b. Openness and Honesty
  - c. Financial Security
  - d. Children and Parenting
  - e. Affection

**Practical Steps:** Have your spouse pick two of the five needs that matter most to them. Then, work on meeting those this week.



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# Better Together

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## How to Stay Together (Part I) Her Needs

*My friends, you were chosen (CHOSE) to be free (MARRIED). So don't use your freedom (MARRIAGE) as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. All the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others (WIFE or HUSBAND) as much as you love yourself. But if you keep attacking each other like wild animals, you had better watch out or you will destroy yourselves.*

Galatians 5:13-15 CEV

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*Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others and what they are doing.*

Philippians 2:4 TLB

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are members of one body.*  
Ephesians 4:25 NIV

*And stop lying to each other. You have given up your old way of life with its habits.*  
Colossians 3:9 CEV

*Don't lie to each other. You've gotten rid of the person you used to be and the life you used to live.*  
Colossians 3:9 GWT

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

*But if anyone does not provide for his own, that is his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*  
1 Timothy 5:8 HCSB

*We also gave you this rule: If you don't work, you don't eat.*  
2 Thessalonians 3:10 CEV

*In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat."*  
2 Thessalonians 3:10 HCS

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Children are a blessing and a gift from the LORD.*  
Psalm 127:3 CEV

*Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring delight to your soul.*  
Proverbs 29:17 NIV

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

*You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.*  
1 Peter 1:22 NLT

*Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart. After all, you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth.*  
1 Peter 1:22 GWT

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**Homework/Take Away:**

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