What did you Expect ?
Redeeming the realities of Marriage
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- Introduction
  - 1 What Did You Expect ?
    - Using the Bible Biblically
    - Please don't Mess This Up
    - Between the Already and the Not Yet
    - Prepared Spontaneity
    - You can Expect the Expected
      - 1) You are Conducting Your Marriage in a Fallen World
      - 2) You Are a Sinner Married to a Sinner
      - 3) God Is Faithful, Powerful, and Willing
  - 2 Reason to Continue
    - [Several stories]
    - Not the Way it was Meant to Be
    - Rooted in Worship
    - What does a Marriage Rooted in the Worship of God look like ? (MLUU : marriage of love, unity and understanding)
      - 1) A MLUU will flow out of a daily worship of God as creator
      - 2) A MLUU will flow out of a daily worship of God as sovereign
      - 3) A MLUU will flow out of a daily worship of God as Savior
    - Reason to Continue
  - 3 Whose Kingdom ?
    - [Gwen and Barry's story]
    - A Deeper Battle
    - Attraction or Love ?
    - The Cart before the Horse ?
  - 4 Day by Day
    - [In the Forrest Theatre]
    - Brick by Brick
    - Reconciliation as a lifestyle : What dos this Mean ? 2 Corinthiens 5:14-21
    - Marital Reconciliation as a Way of Thinking
      - 1) You must live in your marriage with a harvest mentality
      - 2) You muste live in your marriage with an investment mentality
      - 3) You must live in your marriage with a grace mentality
    - Daily Commitments of a Reconciliation Lifestyle
      - 1) We will give ourselves to a regular lifestyle of confession and forgiveness. We will come clean and deal honestly with our sin, weakness, and failure.
      - 2) We will make growth and change our agenda
      - 3) We will work together to build a sturdy bond of trust
      - 4) We will commit to building a relationship of love
      - 5) We will deal with our differences with appreciation and grace
      - 6) We will work to protect our marriage
    - A Better Way

- COMMITMENT 1
  We will give ourselves to a regular lifestyle of confession and forgiveness
  - 5 Coming Clean : Confession
    - The Grace of Confession
      - [Never clean reflexion]
      - 1) It is a grace to know right from wrong
      - 2) It is a grace to understand the concept of indwelling sin
      - 3) It is a grace to have a properly functioning conscience
      - 4) It is only grace that protects us from self-rightousness
      - 5) It is a grace to see ourselves with accuracy
      - 6) It is a grace to be willing to listen and consider criticism and rebuke
      - 7) It is a grace not to be paralysed by regret
      - 8) It is a grace to know that we can face our wrongs because Christ has carried our guilt and shame
    - The Daily Habits of a Confession Lifestyle
      - 1) We will be lovingly honest
      - 2) We will be humble when exposed
      - 3) We will not excuse
      - 4) We will be quick to admit wrongs
      - 5) We will listen and examine
      - 6) We will greet confession with encouragement
      - 7) We will be patient, persevering, and gentle in the face of wrong
      - 8) We will not return to the past
      - 9) We will put our hope in Christ
  - 6 Canceling Depts
    - [Story facing financial difficulties]
    - "I don't Think I will ever Be Able to Forgive Him" [Sally and Jeb story]
    - The Harvest of Unforgiveness
      - 1) Immaturity and Failure
      - 2) Falling into Comfortable Patterns
      - 3) Establishing Defenses
      - 4) Nurturing Dislike
      - 5) Becoming Overwhelmed
      - 6) Envy of Other Couples
      - 7) Fantasies of Escape
    - The Why don't People Just Forgive ?
      - 1) Dept is power
      - 2) Dept is identity
      - 3) Dept is entitlement
      - 4) Dept is weaponry
      - 5) Dept puts us in God's position
    - What is Forgiveness ?
    - When is Forgiveness Needed ?
    - What Forgiveness Requires and Returns
      - Humility
      - Compassion
      - Trust
      - Self-control
      - Sacrifice
      - Remembering
    - A Better Harvest

- COMMITMENT 2
  We will make growth and change our daily agenda
  - 7 Pulling Weeds
    - Welcome to my Weed Garden
    - Jeremiah and Your Marriage Jer 1:10
      - Selfishness
      - Busyness
      - Inattention
      - Self-righteousness
      - Fear
      - Laziness
  - 8 Planting Seeds
    - The Weeds and Seeds Gal 5:13-26
    - The Common Thread
    - Planting Seeds
    - Attention : Help Needed
    - Planting good Seeds Requires Help
    - Able to Get Unstuck [Jodie and Wesley's story]

- COMMITMENT 3
  We will work together to build a sturdy bond of trust
  - 9 Sticking Out Your Neck
    - [Crista and Will's story]
    - A Trust Questionnaire
    - No Escaping the Need for Trust
    - Where the Rubber Meets the Road (with 22 questions)
    - Restoring Grace
  - 10 Someone to Be Trusted
    - Trust : Marriage's Construction Project
      - Play It Straight
      - Be Good for Your Word
      - Face Up to Your Wrongs
      - Watch Out for the Other Person
      - Keep Short Accounts
      - Remember Tat Trust Is War
    - Trust : Homeland Security
    - Trust : Restoring What's Broken
      - 1) Admit Your Need
      - 2) Get Help
      - 3) Don't Give Up
      - 4) Stick Your Neck Out
      - 5) Get Back Up Again
      - 6) Remember Jesus

- COMMITMENT 4
  We will commit to building a relationship of love
  - 11 All You Need Is Love
    - Where is Love ?
    - [Love drought]
      - [Disunity]
      - [Misunderstanding]
      - [Separation]
      - [Physical dysfunction]
      - [Conflict]
    - Watch Out for Faux Love
    - A Love Story [Chris and Sarah's story]
  - 12 Ready, Willing, and Waiting
    - [Ted and Katie's story]
    - What is the World is Love Anyway ?
      - Love is willing...
      - ... self sacrifice ...
      - ... for the good fo another ...
      - ... that does not require reciprocation ...
      - ... or thet the person being loved is deserving.
    - Marital Love in Action (with 23 Love is ...)

- COMMITMENT 5
  We will deal with our differences with appreciation and grace
  - 13 Amazing Grace
    - [Tripp's marriage story]
    - The Artist of Your Marriage
    - [What to do with the Differences]
      - [Celebrate your Creator]
      - [Refuse to see the differences as right or wrong]
      - [Determine to respond to your differences with appreciation and respect]
      - [Learn where your differences create difficulty and call yourself to unification work]
      - [Admit where these differences challenge you to grow]
    - Planned Struggle
      - 1) God is in absolute control of the detail of your lives
      - 2) He has a purpose for the situations and locations in which he places us
      - 3) Marriage is one of God's primary tools of personal change and growth
      - 4) Three main tools of difference are used to reveal and change our hearts
      - 5) Change gebins when we see these differences as grace rather than obstructions of grace
      - 6) God is with you in your struggle
    - Dealing with Difference : A Beginning
  - 14 Before Dark
    - [John and Jackie's story]
    - Dealing with Reality
      - 1) Face reality
      - 2) Deal honestly with your anger
      - 3) Communicate in ways that are wholesome
      - 4) Run to your resources
      - 5) Resist the lies of the enemy
      - 6) Create something new
      - 7) Humbly admit your ongoing struggle

- COMMITMENT 6
  We will work to protect our marriage
  - 15 Eyes Wide Open
    - [Beth and Eric's story]
    - Lifetime Warranty
    - Where things Often Go Wrong
    - What it Looks like to Coast
      - 1) Visual Lethargy
      - 2) Habit Inconsistency
      - 3) Laziness
      - 4) Impatience
      - 5) Responding in Discouragement
      - 6) Dining with the Enemy
    - Restoring Grace
  - 16 On Your Knees
    - What Marriage is Meant to Do
    - The Transforming Power of Prayer
    - When did We Quit Noticing ?
    - The Power and Protection of Marital Prayer (6 parts of Lord's Prayer applied to the couple)
    - Still in the Battle, Still Recognizing Need
  - 17 Worship, Work, and Grace
    - [Personal testimony worship in marriage]
    - Your Marriage and Worship [When your life is shaped by the worship of God , ...]
      - [you live with his plans and purposes in view]
      - [you live thankfully]
      - [you don't shrink your world down to the size of your wants, needs, and feelings]
      - [you don't try to do his job]
      - [you want to give to others the same grace you have received]
      - [people and things are in theire right place]
      - [you celebrate his work in your spouse]
      - [you don't live in fear]
    - Worship and Work
    - Driven to Grace