



## PART 2: Don't Fight Fair

### INTRODUCTION

We typically want what's fair in life. Even in our marriages we tend to treat our spouse as they treat us. This is especially true when we fight. But fighting fair will often leave both parties unsatisfied and unhappy. Is there a better alternative?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did your growing up experience prepare you for handling conflict?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:9. What does the idea of fighting fair in God's economy look like in life?
3. Read Proverbs 12:18. When has the power of words hurt you deeply? In your early years? In recent times?
4. Read Ephesians 4:29. What can you do to ensure your words will bring healing?
5. Read Matthew 12:34. What do your words reveal about what is in your heart? What can you do to keep your heart safe and healthy? How can you understand other people's heart needs better?
6. How is Jesus directing your life right now?

### MOVING FORWARD

We have a unique opportunity to grow more intimate with our spouses in the toughest times of our marriages. When we feel compelled to "repay evil with evil," those are the times when we can choose to not fight fair and respond instead with good. And not fighting fair will help to foster peace, intimacy, and an extraordinary marriage!

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Do not repay evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.*

**1 Peter 3:9**