



PART 3: Finishing Together

INTRODUCTION

When people get married, they start out with great expectations, but 50% of those couples finish their lives separated. What can we do to establish marriages where we finish together?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a really good idea turn into a bad one?
2. Did you expect your spouse to enhance your personal life objectives and goals? How did it work out?
3. When you think about God's power to change a person over time, who is someone that comes to mind? Describe what you saw.
4. Read Matthew 16:25. Here Jesus describes the paradox of living for your own way. How have you experienced this paradox in your life?
5. Which statement best describes you in relation to the three steps mentioned (reading scripture, praying, attending church) to grow your relationship with Jesus?
 - a. This is all new to me.
 - b. I'm more on the discouraged side of my growing relationship with Jesus.
 - c. I can see I'm making progress
 - d. I feel more content and clear since I've been actively putting these things into practice.
 - e. There was once a time where I was doing a lot better. I can see I need to make some changes.

MOVING FORWARD

Of marriages where couples read scripture, pray, and attend church together, only 1 out of a 1,000 end in divorce. No matter what your past looks like, you have an opportunity to make the marriage you're in last. To finish together, we have to grow towards Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21