

THE VOW OF PRIORITY

- TO REALLY BE FULFILLED IN LIFE, YOU HAVE TO FIND THE ONE.
- Nearly 70% of married men & 60% of married women have affairs.
- In the U.S. less than half of couples who marry will stay married 15 years.
- Every 10 to 13 seconds another couple divorces.

RELATIONAL PRIORITIES

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

- GOD IS THE ONE.
- YOUR SPOUSE IS THE TWO.

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

THE FOUR VOWS

*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:24*

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leave: `azab (aw-zab'); to loosen, relinquish, to let go of what you were holding and commit to something new.

- I PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BE MY #1 PRIORITY AND MY SPOUSE WILL BE MY #2.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Ephesians 5:25

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

Your Assignment

- If you are single, pray daily for God to be first in every area of your life. If you do marry, God already knows who that person will be. Pray for your future two.
- If you are married, commit to pray together daily. Ask God to be first in your life and pray that He will empower you to protect your priorities. Pray for each other.

Discussion Questions

- 1) Imagine someone objective observed everything you did last week. According to the way you lived, what would they conclude are your top priorities? Be honest.
- 2) It is not only the bad things that distract you from your priorities; it can often be good things. What are the top three things that could distract you from your priorities?
- 3) What specific change(s) are you going to make to ensure God is your #1 priority and your spouse is your #2?