

THE POWER OF TWO

Marriage is the gift of two incompatible people learning to live compatibly.

WARM UP



A mighty tree stood high above the mountain. It survived the hail, the heavy snows, the storms and the bitter cold of many years. Then finally it was felled by an attack of little beetles. And so it is with marriage.

BACKGROUND

Treat your wife with dignity and respect. Listen to her heart, serve her and lead her to a greater love of Christ and for you. This is what marriage is all about

READ **EPHESIANS 5:23-33**

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. Read Gen 2:24 and discuss what God's purpose for marriage is.

2. When your wife is upset she doesn't want you to fix it – she wants to be heard. How can we as men best do this and what gets in the way?

3. When things do not work out in our marriages we want to know who is wrong "me or the wife." Why does this not help?

4. How can we best treat our wife with dignity and respect? What are some of the does and don'ts

CONSIDER THIS

The AARP recently released a study that indicated divorce after the age of 40 is initiated by women 66% of the time.

Major Causes:
Physical abuse 23%.
Drug and alcohol 18%.
Infidelity 17%.

WRAP-UP

Share with each other about the joys of married life and why your wife is the best in the world for you.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

Set out a time to have a special date with your wife over the next month.

Ask your wife to come with you alone to have a special time of intimate prayer together.