



**Group Time**

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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**LOOK BACK:**

*Point: Marriage is a covenant based on mutual commitment.*

- How did your homework go last week?

**Question:** In all homage to the *Assassin's Creed* oath, can one really "work in the dark to serve the light?"

**LOOK UP:** Watch this week's video on the 4G web page.

**Recap:** Almost no one plans to wreck a marriage, but it happens. The truth is, it is impossible to build a life of righteousness on a foundation of sin. The way we live affects every area of life, especially marriage. We are made in God's image to carry out His purposes in the world and when we do something wrong, we feel shame. When Adam and Eve first sinned, they tried to hide and blame others, and so it is for us today. When we do wrong we often conceal and shift responsibility, but this only deepens the problem. In addition, we face an even greater threat when we convince ourselves that our identity is no longer based upon God's image but upon our sin. We swiftly move from relationships based upon intimacy and truth to ones of secrecy and shame.

We can only make our way out of darkness and into the light through confession, revelation, and mercy. We can only maintain the light through truth, dedication, and planning.

**LOOK IN: Discussion**

- The answer to today's earlier question may reveal your taste in video games or movies, but also, the answer is "No."
- Share with your group how you "serve the light" and maintain purity in your marriage (or in purity towards a future marriage).

**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

**Point:** *Children of light don't live in darkness.*

**Take A Vow Of Purity**

Sit down with your spouse and take this vow with each other.

**I promise to CONFIDE in you and not HIDE from you.**

Below, each spouse should answer questions A - D on their own. (If you are single, answer B & D only in relation to a future spouse.)

A. How often and for how long do you and your spouse set aside time to just talk each week? Is it planned or just as needed?

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B. How often and for how long do you think you and your spouse should be setting aside time to just talk each week? Should it be planned time or just as needed?

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C. How often and for how long do you and your spouse pray with each other each week? Is it planned or just as needed?

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D. How often and for how long do you think you and your spouse should be praying each week? Should it be planned time or just as needed?

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E. Read Proverbs 28:13. Is there anything you need to confess?

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Get together and discuss your responses. Come to an agreed plan regarding your findings.



Keep a "Together Journal" of your future times together