



**Group Time**

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

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**LOOK BACK:**

**Point:** *Pursuit requires intentionality.*

- What changed?

**Question:** What is the difference between the world’s definition of love and God’s definition of love?

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

**Recap:** Marriage has been a God-thing since the beginning of time. In fact, Chapter 2 of the Book (Genesis 2:24) tells us it’s designed to be a team effort. Jesus would later quote this verse (Matthew 19:4-6) and remind us that God has a purpose for this team.


The point is, a marriage is a covenant, not a contract. A contract is based on mutual distrust – I’ll do this IF you’ll do that. A covenant is based on mutual commitment – I’m all-in no matter what.

But keeping that commitment isn’t always easy. Like any team, if everyone on the team isn’t committed to the purpose and to their teammates, it’s easy to develop distrust and the team falls apart.

The Bible gives us the answers for both purpose and process. The purpose is doing God’s will, the process is love and respect, and these are each characterized by one difficult word: submission – submission to God and submission to one another.

**LOOK IN: Discussion**

- Define “love.” Is it a feeling? An Action?
- Watch this video. Use the QR or search “Bible Project: Agape-Love” on YouTube.
- Read Ephesians 5:22-33. (Notice Genesis 2:24 is referenced again.) Put these verses in your own words.



**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

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

**Take A Vow Of Partnership**

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

**I promise our marriage will be about WE and not about me.**

Wives, share with your husband three things he can do to express love for you in a godly way.

(Husbands, write them down)

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Husbands, share with your wife one thing she can do to help you be a godly leader in your family.

(Wives, write it down)

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Pray for one another to have the strength and endurance to make these requests a reality.

Each evening this week, take 10 minutes together and pray for each other and your family. Review the items written down above. Make a positive progress note for each day.

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