



**Group Time**

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

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**LOOK BACK:**

*Point:* When it comes to your time, talent, and treasure, pour it. Don't store it.

- How diversified are your eternal investments?

**Question:** What are some "different" marriage traditions you've seen and/or experienced? Was it neat, interesting, weird?

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

**Recap:** You might have heard it said that 50% of all marriages end in divorce, even the Christian ones. (Let's face it, 100% of marriages end in divorce or death, right?) It begs the question:

Is a great marriage possible?

The answer is, "Of course." But it takes work; even the bad ones can last "until death do us part."

Our first vow in this series is a vow of priority. When we make God our first priority, our spouses our second priority, and put everything else – even the really good and important stuff – comes after, only then have we set the framework for a great marriage. When we get the order of priorities mixed up, we are asking people to be something they were never intended to be nor capable of being.

**LOOK IN: Discussion**

- Prioritizing God first is an easy concept we all can hopefully agree on. How hard is it to keep in practice?
- Read Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, and Ephesians 5:25. How can we infer that the wife should be the husband's highest priority after God – before family, job, status, etc.?

**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

**Point:** Get your priorities straight: God is first, your spouse\* is second. Everything else is after these two.

\* If you are single, "future spouse" or other close relationships.

**Take A Vow Of Priority**

Write this vow down on a card and keep it where you will see it – in your Bible, on your bathroom mirror, taped to the coffee maker, whatever will work for you.

**I promise God will be my FIRST priority and my spouse will be my SECOND, above all else.**

On a scale of 1-10, how well are you making God your 1<sup>st</sup> priority?

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What can you practically do to improve? What can you stop or start?

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What can you do to protect this FIRST priority?

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On a scale of 1-10, how well are you making your spouse the next priority above all else?

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What can you practically do to improve? What can you stop or start?

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What can you do to protect this SECOND priority?

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