



Over the next four weeks we will dive into some Biblical principles that will help navigate those ups and downs in every relationship. The truth is every relationship, not just in marriage, has ups and downs.

How do we handle conflict in our marriage, cause conflict will happen? How do we avoid the snares that are all around us, waiting to destroy our marriage? How do we see our marriage as a blessing?

Text: **1 Corinthians 7:29**

I. Two people with one mission.

A. Understanding our mission, we will live God's design for marriage. - **Vs. 7:29**
(Vs. **James 4:14**)

"By so easy a transition does the apostle slide from everything else to the one thing needful; and, forgetting whatever is temporal, is swallowed up in eternity."
- John Wesley

B. Understanding our mission will lead us to live with eternity in mind in our marriage. - **Vs. 7:31**

Since this world (and marriages) are passing away, our focus needs to be on Christ and his mission! He is our LIFE! Our spouse is not our life, its Christ!
(Vs. **Colossians 3:1-4; Galatians 2:20**)

C. Understanding our mission will lead us to set our primary focus on Christ in our marriage. - **Vs. 7:32-33**

"This word "Carefulness" is the word for "concern or anxiety". Basically, Paul is saying that if you are married or not, your focus needs to be on the Lord and not get wrapped up in anxiety or concerns about the things of this world."

"It is possible to please both the Lord and your mate, if you are yielded to Christ and obeying the Word."
- Warren Wiersbe

"To love others best we must love God most!"

Our goal in this life as Christians is:

- To **know** the Lord – Have a personal relationship.
- To **follow** the Lord – Humble ourselves and follow.
- To **share** the Lord – Speak the gospel to others.

Application:

Marriage is a blessing, as we will dive into next week, but it isn't everything! Our life in Christ is about Christ because he is our life! So, everything else in our life takes a back seat to Christ. He is our primary focus!

When we "fix our eyes (literally turn my eyes away from other things) on Christ" because he alone is the "author and finisher of our faith" we will then begin to see every other area of our lives, including our marriages, come into clear focus.