**Series: Family Matters**

**Today: Bringing Out the Best in Your Marriage**

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1. When it comes to marriage, Jesus points us to the Scriptures.

***Matthew 19:3-6***

*3Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”*

*4“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 5and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’]? 6So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

1. When it comes to marriage, Jesus points us to the Cross.

***Luke 9:23***

*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

***1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)***

*Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

1. Take These Skills Home
2. Awareness
3. Appreciation
4. Accommodation
5. Affection
6. Action

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQUBi2XrWvg> -- Richard and Tiri, max volume on this and if you can find this video with closed captions all the better. I didn’t find one.

**Resources: (for printed OOW only)**

Book: The Love Dare by Stephen Kendrick

Book: The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work: A Practical Guide from the Country’s Foremost Relationship Expert by John Gottman

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