

STAYING IN LOVE PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Falling in love is easy. Staying in love, being committed to each other, is a bit more difficult. Ever wonder if people can stay together for good. . . like people in love? Is it even possible for two people to stay happy together forever?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the first person you fell in love with. What made you fall in love? Have you fallen in love with anyone since then?
2. Why do you think there are over 1,500 matchmaking organizations in this country? Why is there such a demand? Has it become harder or easier to fall in love in spite of the fact that there are so many matchmaking opportunities?
3. What unwritten rules of love (both healthy and unhealthy) did you learn from your family of origin? How have those rules surfaced in your current relationships?
4. In John 13:34, Jesus identifies *love* as a verb, not a noun. What are some concrete differences between *feeling* love and *doing* love?
5. In Ephesians 5:21, Paul refers to mutual submission. What does mutual submission look like in the context of a romantic relationship?
6. What steps can you take this week to proactively love someone rather than reacting to what someone else does or does not do for you?

MOVING FORWARD

The key to staying in love is not finding the right person. It's finding someone who is committed to becoming the right person while you work to become the right person. It's finding someone who is not afraid to put you first while you overcome your fear of putting him or her first. *It's about making love a verb.*

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34