

STAYING LOVE PART 2

INTRODUCTION

While it is easier than ever to fall in love, it is harder than ever to stay in love. And, no one wants to fall in love and just endure. We want to stay in love. Is this even possible? If so, what should our plan be? This message answers both of these questions by sharing a blueprint for enduring love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the most famous person you have ever met? How did you interact with that person?
2. What is your most valued material possession? Describe this possession and how you treat it.
3. Read Philippians 2:3-4. What are some specific things you can do this week to “value others above yourselves?” Specifically, how can you apply this idea to someone you love?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-7. Describe a time when you saw someone with position or power choose to serve rather than to leverage that position or status for his own benefit? How did you feel when you saw that? Were you surprised by his actions?
5. David said that we can't have it both ways. We all must face the dilemma between choosing what we deserve or choosing submission. What does he mean by this? Why can't we have it both ways? What are some ways that you can choose to submit to the person you love this week?

MOVING FORWARD

To stay in love you have to choose to love each other the way that Christ loved us. In other words, you have to choose to treat the person you love as the most important person in the world to you. You have to be willing to put them first. What is keeping you from this? Is it worth missing out on the love relationship that God designed for you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:5-7