## Oct 16, 2011 When God Chose Sandals:

Building Marriages That Last -Mark 10:6-9

Servants are faithful to the intimacy and permanency of marriage.

Intimacy:

7 principles core to building lasting marriages:

1. Divorce is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ or even \_\_\_\_\_\_ covenant of oneness is our only option Mal 2:14-16

- How can I remind my spouse today of my commitment?
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ in your life and in your marriage Matt 22:36-38
  - Do you pray together and do you pray for your spouse?
- **3.** See your marriage as \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor 10:31, Mal 2:15
  - How has God touched others because of your marriage?

- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ your wife as Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church Eph 5:22-33
  - Am I giving my all to care for my spouse?
- 5. Covenant that your spouse is \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phil 2:3-5
  - How often do I get upset because I'm not being treated the way I want?
- 6. Spend \_\_\_\_\_\_ together building memories, listening, and bonding every day Prov 5:18-19

- Would my husband or wife say I have spent quality time with them this week in the way they enjoy?
- **7. Do not expect your spouse to be** \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cor 3:18
  - Do you minister to your spouse's weaknesses, or dwell on them?

Equipping - Memorization:

*Prov 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,* 



## Questions a husband can ask his wife

- What I do or can I do to make you feel loved and appreciated by me?
- What can I do to make you feel like I enjoy being with you more than anyone else?
- What are some things I can do to encourage you, spiritually?
- What can I do to make you feel protected and what do you need to be protected from?
- What can I do to help relieve the stress of life responsibilities?
- How can I best serve you in dealing with our children?
- What can I do to make you feel our family is the priority over work?
- What can I do to help you grow in a love to serve our church?
- What kinds of moments when our family is together do you cherish the most?
- What can I do to help you feel proud of our home?

## Questions a wife can ask her husband.

- What are some things I do or can do that encourage you, make you feel respected and honored as the head of our family?
- What is something I can do that makes you feel loved by me?
- How can I make your time when you come home from work more restful and relaxing?
- What are some things I say or do that make you feel like I am being disrespectful?
- What is your desired expectation for physical intimacy?
- What can I say or do that makes you feel I support your work?
- How can I spiritually encourage you?
- How can I best care for you when you are discouraged?
- What is the best way to approach you if I feel our schedule is out of control?
- How can I support you in the discipleship of our children?