CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: A TRIUNE RELATIONSHIP

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Outline of Presentation

God's mandate for Families

Features of a Christian Family

How to build a Christian Family
FOUNDATION

Christian Marriage, a Triune Relationship: Man and Wife must have direct personal relationship with GOD
Gen. 1:18 ... It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. (Compatible)
Meet for each other: COMPATIBLE with each other. Harmonious or Agreeable COMBINATION

In many computers/cars Parts/charger exchange may not fit!
Q: Why must man and wife be connected to God?
A: Right from courtship, you need God’s intermediary.
Case study: Joseph and Mary
Matthew 1:20

... the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, .. fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
Real love (Agape) & Romantic love (Eros), in Christian Marriage (1)

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Real love (Agape) I Cor. 13:3-7

Real love (Agape) liken to:
– the Rock,
- the Hardcore

Constitutes high % of the foundation for a solid home/any good relationship.
Real love (Agape) manifests in:

- respect for each other,
- sensitivity to your partner's need,
- desire to see each other succeed in life …
Romantic Love (Eros)

- Feelings, Emotions:
  - like flowers that adorn & decorate the home
  - Beautiful with nice fragrance
Romantic love (Eros)
- plays zero role in the structure of your building, (What do you need?)
- Good building materials & Expertise
- The flowers will come later
- But not needed for foundation!
• Wants a solid, beautiful home!

• First thing first!

• Afterwards, bring in all the flowers!

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3 Types of Love: Agape, Philos & Eros

Agape is our focus, as in 1 Cor.13

Philos is loving one another just like your brother or sister, ...

Eros is based on strong Feelings and Longings!
Of the 3 kinds of love—**Eros is the most easily abused.**

Perverted Eros is selfish & possessive,
- often seeks to conquer and control,
- Associated with inordinate sex (**male**)
- Associated with manipulation (**female**)


Perverted Eros - Amnon vs Tamar

2 Sam 13:2 – And Amnon was vexed with “Eros”, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; (AGAPE NEVER VEXES!)

Tamar was naïve: Lacked required Wisdom and Foresight
Perverted Eros-A Momentary Fleeting Love; Easily turns to cruel hatred!

2 Sam 13:15 - Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred was far greater than the initial love ...
• Beware of passion due to “Perverted Eros”.
• It makes “wild beast” of gentlemen.
• It makes “Delilah” of beautiful ladies.
Real love (Agape) -  I Cor. 13:3-7

• is patient

• is not jealous

• does not want what it doesn’t have

• cares more for others, than for self

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Real love (Agape) - I Cor. 13:3-7

- is not arrogant.
- is not rude.
- always looks for the best in others.
- never gives up & never looks back.
- keeps going to the end.
Love is patient

• Be patient in dealing with suspicion.
• Often it’s an imagination, sometimes it is real. Don’t take rash decision!
• Whichever way, the Holy Spirit can handle it. (Mary & Joseph)
Love is not jealous! Means what?

Exo. 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:
Love is not jealous! Means what?

Jealousy

A sign of Insecurity
A sign of Weakness
A sign of Obsession
Love is not jealous! Means what?

I am not the jealous type
but what's mine is mine.
End of story!

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It’s all about jealous **FOR**, **NOT** jealous **OF**.

Anyone will “jealously” keep his property from fire etc.

God is jealous **for** us, but **NOT** jealous **of** us.
Crisis Management

Saving situation to avert pending doom, **HEAR FRESH** from God per time, and take steps as led.

Experience of past successes may **NOT** work today.

And David inquired of the LORD ...
And David inquired of the LORD ... 

- 1 Samuel 23:2 & 23:4
- 1 Samuel 30:8
- 2 Samuel 2:1
- 2 Samuel 5:19

To Play and win in the game of life, one needs to hear from God!
Zero Eros – Zero Agape

Zealous sister is usually the victim.

His voice instills fear into the lady. Frightens her with the danger of disobeying God. Seek cover from higher authority, if you are not interested. Don’t keep it to yourself.
Cycle for **Sustainable Relationship** (1)

Every relationship starts on accommodating each other. *(Rebecca Gen. 24:14)*

Desire more of each other’s company “**dating**”.

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Cycle for Sustainable Relationship (2)

• Dating to **appreciating** each other more & more.

• Appreciating leads to **celebrating** each other (i.e. Wedding)

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Cycle for Sustainable Relationship (3)

This cycle is repeated for life:

Accommodating, Appreciating & Celebrating each other.

Riches, wealth, position not withstanding!
Marriage by Correspondence!

How long should it be?
Settle this from Day 1.

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Marriage by Correspondence!

Too many of such pending issues!
Watch out.

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LOVELY THOUGHTS (1)

Avoid carrying over unhappy memories of past experiences.

Parents, Aunties, Uncles... they did the best they knew.

LET IT END THERE!
Ecc. 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.
Isa. 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
COMFORT FOR THE WOUNDED

For anyone already wounded and brokenhearted, you can pray:

LORD, heal their broken hearts; Bind up their wounds; And leave no scar.

Psa. 147:3 - He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
CONCLUSION

May the Holy Spirit help you make good decision when the time comes.

Further reading, books on Christian Family by:

1. Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo,
2. Pastor (Mrs.) Mary Abioye, &
3. TMC 421-521 Lecture Series _ 2017
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