



GOD'S 5G FAMILY PLAN

Questions for OG groups.

1. You said "I do" when you agreed to marry one another. Is Christ a braid in your cord? How are you and your spouse strong together?
2. In what ways your spouse may be opposite of you? How have you acknowledged this? How have you expressed appreciation? How have you expressed discontentment?
3. Are you in the habit of learning your spouse's point of view? Do you sometimes disregard learning their perspective? Recall a time when you did listen to your spouse's advice. What was the outcome?
4. Healthy marriages are wonderful to work toward and is worthy of any effort. What are some things you are able to accomplish with your spouse that you otherwise couldn't have on your own?
5. Share your thoughts on future accomplishments that both spouses are engaged in. What would life look like 2 years from now? 5 years from now? If you have children, what is life going to look like for your children?

Aloha everyone and welcome to where being planted in the house of the Lord allows us to flourish in the courts of our God. I'm Pastor Glenn and thank you for joining us today. Now, I'll take a different approach as we'll be speaking to the ladies, the sisters in Christ as we continue seeking God's perspective in understanding the power they possess in marriage. Today, we'll learn to boost (everybody say "boost") Boost our signal strength when it comes to listening, hearing, receiving, understanding and applying the truth of the Word of God. We can all learn to be better.

Now, for several years, I served in a combat communication squadron for the air force. Our duties were to set up both secure and non secure networks to exchange data, intel and information from the tactical operations center to anywhere in the world. We were trained to establish lines of communication in order to engage a war effectively. Conversely, one of the primary tactics to defeat any enemy is to cut off all communication between headquarters and frontline forces. When this happens, isolation is used to weaken any force over time. With this in mind, our training consisted of maintaining vigilance to protect and fortify our area of responsibility. In this context, let's continue to train, as to maintain vigilance in protecting and fortifying our marriages and our families. Ecclesiastes 4:12 teaches us that,

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken"
(Ecclesiastes 4:12 ICB).



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Everybody say, "two people." In our context today, let's refer to that as a husband and wife. The third person that makes up the triple braided cord is the Holy Spirit.

So, if you're married or preparing for marriage, think of the qualities of your spouse or future spouse. They may be strong, thoughtful and generous. They're also imperfect, deficient and in need of improvement. We all are. Now, 2 Corinthians 12:9 teaches us that God's grace is all we need and that God's power works best when and where we are weak.

Today, be encouraged ladies as to boost your spiritual signal strength by "B," standing back to back with your husband.

Time to time, your husband can be body slammed by life. Maybe he's having a hard time at work. Maybe, he made an unwise decision or a series of unwise decisions. Maybe He'll want to tap out. But, if he knows his wife is in his corner, he may give out, but he would never give in. Maybe all it takes is an encouraging word, a glance in the eye or a simple reminder that you are with him. God designed marriage, God strategized marriage and God implemented marriage into the world. I say that because it is written in the book of Genesis,

*"Now the Lord God said, "It is not good (beneficial) for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [one who balances him—a counterpart who is] suitable and complementary for him"
(Genesis 2:18 AMP)!"*

Everyone say, "good." Everyone say, "suitable." Now the English word "good" is a great place to start, however in Hebrew, it means to elevate ones existence. It means to improve to a higher state of being. Now, the English word "suitable," more accurately refers to being opposite. Like black and white, peanut butter and chocolate, salty and sweet. In Hawaii we say, "different, but same same," Equally celebrated and equally appreciated.

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That is a great thing! Throughout ministry I've shared this illustration with countless couples. So here is Yeeshu my elephant. Yeeshu means Jesus in Hindi. I picked up this souvenir when I traveled to India and I keep it on my desk to remind me that details matter. I appreciate the skill it took to create this and to pay close attention to the little characteristics that make it unique.

So, I'll tell one of the spouses to describe this carving from their perspective. They'll mention the tusks, the trunk, the ears and the imperfections. Great, no right, no wrong. Then, I'll tell the other spouse to do the same from the opposite end. They'll describe the butt, the tail, the legs and mention imperfections as well.



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Fantastic, no right, no wrong. This becomes an excellent collaboration, gathering and exchanging information to realize the elephant in the room. The moral of the story is to admit the limitations of your personal perspective and to appreciate that of your spouse. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Being opposite complements, not competes!" You gain more of a 360 degree view of the situation to better gain understanding.

I remind Pastor Theresa all the time. She is chocolate, I'm peanut butter! Such a winning combination! So Ladies, be sure to "B" stand "Back to Back" with your husband, embrace the fact that you both may be "O" "opposites" and remember to "O" offer your point of view. Give um your perspective, give um your counsel, give um your advice. James 5:16 amplified reminds us that The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous person (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

So ladies, as long as you stay connected to the heavenly wifi, you remain in a position of power. A prayer life is a connected life, connected to the true source of power. A prayer is dynamic, it's on the move, never static, never stagnant, able to produce change. And men, if we're smart, (and all the brothers in the house say, "I'm smart!") if we're smart, we appreciate the power of a praying wife, a connected wife. Women are very intuitive and women have great insight as long as they have a robust connection to the heavenly wifi.

So, husbands don't be a SAP. Don't be stubborn, don't be arrogant, don't be prideful. Husbands have tremendous responsibilities. Be it the workplace, the home, etc., so do wives. Husbands are charged to make spiritual decisions in order to determine spiritual direction and ladies we need your perspective.

So follow my train of thought, If God created man, then man is good. If God created woman from the rib of a man, then woman is good. Because good begets good. So when man was created, God said this is good, now let me improve this guy to a higher state of being. Therefore God gave a good man a good woman in order to create something great together. So husband, appreciate your wife, value your wife and honor your wife. Wives, after all, are God's gift to husbands.

So, Ladies, be sure to "B" stand "Back to Back" with your husband, embrace the fact that you both may be "O" "opposites" and remember to "O" offer your point of view and men, be smart enough to listen. Then ladies, be sure to focus on the "S" "synergy."

(Everybody say "synergy"). Synergy is a fancy word that means that when individual parts interact, it produces a combined effect that's greater than the sum of the original parts. So, a godly husband fortified with a godly wife, in covenant with God is a magnificent example of a 3 braided cord and one of the most powerful forces ever seen on earth.



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Focus on the “what could be”. Focus on the “hope of building a life together.” Focus not on just the happily ever after, but the heavenly ever after. Imagine a marriage that impacts future generations. Imagine the legacy that comes after the both of you. Imagine a marriage, built on the foundation of Christ, our cornerstone, we, the living stones as godly families are the bricks that build the kingdom.

Marriages symbolize God’s presence in every home, that’s why the devil hates marriages. For some, marriage between a man and woman have no value. They think marriage is hyper traditional. The world thinks the church needs to get “woke” and if the church doesn’t, they cancel church. The world looks at the church as irrelevant and marriages, unnecessary. These are examples of broken or unestablished lines of communication from God’s heart to the world. They need a connection, they need a signal boost.

Godly marriages cultivate security in the spiritual development of all members of the family. Wives have a great responsibility in nurturing the culture in the home. I like to think Holy Spirit develops the connection, husbands defends the connection and wives nurture the signal.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 shows us the connection. It says this, *“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end”* (Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT).

In other words, God designs beauty. We fail to see it when we lose connection. If we’re not careful, over time, our signal degrades and we’ll lose our sense of beauty of living in God’s will as husband and wife. God downloaded a sense of divine purpose into the very heart of all those that choose to connect to God. And what God plants, God expects a harvest. Godly marriages stand the test of time and the legacy that remains glorify God for generations to come. That’s having the 5G connection, where the presence of God lives on 5 generations from now. So imagine, descendants, my descendants, our descendants glorifying God together in greater measure. How we view marriages today determines how marriages within our lineage will be viewed 150 years from now.

Psalm 146:8 says, *“The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the godly”* (Psalm 146:8 NLT). Verse 10 says, *“The Lord will reign forever. He will be your God, O. Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the Lord!”*

One last word of encouragement to the ladies, a mentor of mine shared this with the world. He said, “the best use of your life, is to so live your life, that the use of your life, outlives your life.



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Until next time everyone! May the presence of grace and truth continue to fill your heart and homes! God bless!