

Journey CHURCH

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Marriage Bootcamp “The Problem is not the Problem”

Bootcamp is all about training not simply trying.

1 Timothy 4:8, NKJV, NCV, MSG

The Problem is not the Problem

- You can't change the *fruit* in your life if you don't change the *root*.
- The *fruit of the spirit* is yours when you get saved, you just need to fertilize the roots and pull the weeds. (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT2)
- The seed is the Word of God. (Matthew 13:20-21, NLT2)
- We must receive and act on the Word of God.
- Your marriage will have problems and persecutions.
 - Salvation is free; fruit of the spirit is work.
 - Marriages will lose the romantic emotional experience.
 - True love is choosing love and commitment over convenience and chemistry.

Train to be Soul Mates not simply Roommates.

- Without knowing the real problem, we try to fix the wrong problem and the wrong person.
- Instead of trying to fix the other person, we need to focus on becoming the right person.
- Fix your hopes on God and seek to please Him through this relationship.
- Wanting the fruit without changing the root change will never happen.

The root of the problem is a love problem.

- Biblical love never fails...but can have lots of trials and troubles. (1 Corinthians 13:8, NKJV)
- If you don't love yourself and the way God made you, you will have problems loving others and them loving you. (Matthew 22:37-39, NKJV)
- Great marriages take lots of hard work; without work marriages get bitter instead of better.

The real problem is a love Problem. (1 Peter 4:8, MSG)

- If we loved each other like our life depended on it, most other problems would look small.
- Let God take your marriage mess and turn into a miracle and a message.

- Connect in love before you address problems, pains, or complaints.
- Pour equity into your relationship before you try to make withdraws.

Ways to connect this week.

- Put your marriage first, top priority. (Matthew 6:33, NKJV; Psalm 27:1-2, NKJV)
- Have a date night.
- Make sure you are touching your mate at least twice a day without sex.
- Make a commitment to get healthier.
- Agree to not miss church apart from emergency.
- Agree not to get outside council unless we both agree who it is.
- Pray for your spouse.