

“Growing Stronger In Personal Relationships”



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Is it possible to fall in love and to stay in love and to grow in love for a lifetime?

Falling in love requires a pulse. Growing in love requires a plan. Falling in love is pretty much about attraction. Growing in love requires the right action. You *fall* into love (noun); but in order to grow, you need to make love a *verb*.

*“This is my commandment, that you **love one another as I have loved you.** (John 15:12)*

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8 (9-11) IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR GROWING STRONGER IN RELATIONSHIPS

THIS IS HOW YOU ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

- How do you treat someone who has “more significance” than you?
- How do you treat a valued possession?
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

THIS IS HOW JESUS HAS LOVED YOU

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have this attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

*⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

- You can't have it both ways!
- If you want to grow in relationships (marriage), you have to submit and surrender to the other.
- Opt for relationship over personal rights, for that is the essence of love.
- And, that is the thumb-print of God.

**What would it look like if you DO Philippians 2? DO That!
That is love; because love is a verb.**

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