



CROSSROADS NEWLYWEDS

Love & Respect – Session #3; His Needs – Unconditional Respect

03/17/2024 – Matthew 19:24

Ephesians 5:33 - "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and *the wife must respect her husband.*"

1. Explain what is wrong about the argument that says, "He knows I love him. Shouldn't he feel respected already?"
2. Why would a husband feel disrespected by the well-intentioned action of his wife buying him three marriage books to read, with specific passages highlighted for him to take notice of?
3. In the testimonial, Jones's work schedule did not change and his mother did not move out. Yet things changed for the positive in their relationship. How? What was different?
4. In the moment, why can it seem to make sense for a wife to send a message of disrespect to her husband in order to motivate him to be more loving? How does this end up making things worse?
5. Think of a past conflict you have had in your marriage. How could you have approached your husband more respectfully and better achieved the loving response you were hoping for?
6. Husbands, share one way your wife has shown you respect in the past few weeks that perhaps she might not even realize it. Wives, were you surprised by this being the thing that stood out to your husband as you being respectful?
7. What was your personal "take away" from this week's session? How or what are you going to change, think, work on, etc.?