



## CROSSROADS NEWLYWEDS

### The Meaning of Marriage

#### 05/19/2024 –Chapter 2

1. Explain what it means to be filled with the spirit. Why is being filled with the spirit crucial in your marriage? What is the connection between marriage and a spirit filled life?
  
2. Read Ephesians 5:22-25 It says wives are to submit to their husbands and it also says husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the church, He gave Himself up for her. Both of these commands require (at times) abandoning self-interest. How does that work? Are these identical commands? Explain your answers
  
3. Read Philippians 2:2-3 and explain what this means in your own words. How does this relate to your marriage?
  
4. Read Galatians 5:13. How does a husband “give himself up” for his wife, yet is also “head” of his wife?
  
5. How does the gospel humble and lift up a believer at the same time? How did Tim Keller relate to this to his own marriage? What are your thoughts about this?
  
6. Explain the effects of self-centeredness in marriage. How do we combat self-centeredness in our marriages?
  
7. Self Centeredness on page 63: You get married because you feel an attraction. You think they are wonderful. 3 things usually happen, according to Keller. What are they?
  - a. There are 2 ways to deal with this. Explain what the 2 ways are and what are the likely results of each.
  
8. “I’m going to treat my \_\_\_\_\_ as the main problem in our marriage.” If you do this, you have the prospect of a truly great marriage, according to Keller. Do you agree or disagree with this? Explain your answer.
  
9. What is spirit generated selflessness?
  
10. Summarize chapter 2 in one sentence