

SUNDAY—JUNE 7

2 Chronicles 28-29; John 17

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There is no feeling in the world like being in love. Couples in love can hardly keep their eyes off each other. They want to be together every moment of the day. The exhilaration of romantic love naturally leads to the question of marriage. The starry-eyed couple says, "If this feeling is so neat, why don't we spend the rest of our lives together!?" Up to the wedding day and even a few days into the honeymoon, everything seems only happy and exciting. Something changes almost immediately. The enthusiasm begins to fade. They wonder silently if they have done the right thing. If you don't do things right, your marriage could end up in a disaster. Stay tuned to learn how to keep from destruction.

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2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12:27-50

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Song of Solomon 4:10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

Today it is very common to hear someone talking about "falling in love" with another person. But have you ever stopped to ask yourself what these words actually mean? What changes take place in the minds of men and women who have fallen in love? How can they know when that love is genuine? Can they be fooled, thinking they are "in love" when they are not? What is necessary to keep love alive? Most young people are clueless when it comes to the true meaning of love. Because of this misunderstanding, many marriages end in divorce, and many married couples struggle to develop meaningful relationships. It is important to understand what it means to love from God's view.

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We need to understand that our friends do weird things sometimes to cover up something about which they feel insecure. If we really love others as much as we love ourselves, we will give as much time and attention to helping them avoid pain and ridicule as we do ourselves. We will think about their needs as much as we think of our own. We will befriend the person who is a little different. We will look out for someone who is new to the surroundings. The Bible teaches us that when we help that kind of person, it is as though you are doing it for Jesus Himself! (Mt. 25:40) More than any other concept, this is the meaning of Christianity!

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God's View of Conformity. This brings us back to the principles of the Bible, which should guide our behavior in every area of life. The Scriptures speak plainly about the dangers of conformity. God in His wisdom knew that social pressure could keep us from doing right, and He spoke strongly against it. It is obvious from Romans 12:2 that God does not want us to follow the whims of the world around us. He expects us to say to ourselves, "I am going to control my behavior, my mind, my body, and my life. When it comes to being moral and obeying God, I will not be intimidated by the world to conform to their ways. Nothing will keep me from living the Christian life.

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