
Getting The Most Out Of Marriage

"The Big Stuff"

Matthew 18:21-35

10-11-26

Introduction: We are in the midst of a series designed to help us get the most out of marriage or other significant relationships.

1. So far, we've covered the basics, learned how to become irresistible, and how to turn conflict into a stepping stone that makes us better.
2. Today I want to build on last week's study.
3. Most of the problems we face are normal, but sometimes in our relationships we face really big, really serious problems. They often end relationships, but they don't have to.
4. This morning, we'll learn how to respond to the biggest problems we could ever face.

I. Understanding Character And Conduct

A. Everyone Is Imperfect

B. Character Counts

II. Understanding Forgiveness And Enabling

A. Forgive Always

B. Enable Never

III. Understanding Vengeance And Leverage

A. Lashing Out In Anger

B. Leveraging Change

IV. Understanding Naivete And Trust

A. God Does Not Call Us To Be Gullible

B. How To Rebuild Trust

Conclusion: I recognize the pain and frustration of dealing with the big stuff.

1. There is no magic answer.
2. There is pain in ending a relationship and there will be pain in saving a relationship.
3. We can do all things through Christ.
4. It will not be easy, but you can overcome the big stuff by following these principles.