

“THE LOVING”

The _____ was _____ in _____!

- II Timothy 1:9
- Ephesians 1:4-5

The _____ was _____ in _____!

- Genesis 1 & 2

The _____ was _____ throughout _____!

- Isaiah 62:5
- Hosea 2:16-17 & 23

The _____ was _____ in _____!

- Christ’s birth, life, ministry, death & resurrection

The _____ is _____ in _____!

- Ephesians 5:25-32
- Hebrews 13:4
- II Corinthians 11:2-4
- Matthew 25:1-13

The _____ is _____ to _____!

- Revelation 19:2 & 7
- Revelation 22:17 & 20
- The “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11:40

Takin’ it “to-go”:

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT
2nd Advent Sunday, December 6: “The Best Advent EVER!: The Loving”

Thinking about it:

Wedding charge and vows are...

Charge: (*groom name*), will you have (*bride name*) to be your wedded wife, to live together after God’s ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love, comfort, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Vows: I, (*groom name*), take you, (*bride name*), to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better-for worse, for richer-for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God’s holy ordinance; and thereto I pledge you my faith.

On the back of this page, rewrite the charge and the vows from a 100% selfish perspective.

What happens to the relationship if both parties live selfishly? What if only one lives selfishly while the other is loving?

Is it selfish of someone to expect, or even demand the faithfulness of their spouse?

What do these passages say about God’s love for us and his character of faithfulness?

- Isaiah 62:5
- II Corinthians 9:8
- II Peter 1:3
- John 10:10
- Luke 12:24
- Philippians 4:19
- Psalm 34:10
- I Thessalonians 5:23-24
- II Timothy 2:13

What do these passages say about our love and character of faithfulness?

- Revelation 17:1-2
- I Corinthians 6:12-17

PRAY: *Thank God that He loves you purely and faithfully. He has demonstrated that by sending Jesus as His “wedding proposal” to you! Ask Him to reveal to you any area of unfaithfulness on your part in the relationship with Him. Confess, ask forgiveness, LIVE FORGIVEN, and commit to being completely faithful to God!*

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The **proposal** was **planned well** in **advance**!

- II Timothy 1:9
- Ephesians 1:4-5

The **relationship** was **defined** in **the beginning**!

- Genesis 1 & 2

The **faithfulness** was **desired** throughout **history**!

- Isaiah 62:5
- Hosea 2:16-17 & 23

The **bride price** was **lavishly paid** in **Christ**!

- Christ's birth, life, ministry, death & resurrection

The **engagement** is **our commitment** in **action**!

- Ephesians 5:25-32
- Hebrews 13:4
- II Corinthians 11:2-4
- Matthew 25:1-13

The **wedding** is the **procession** to **the honeymoon**!

- Revelation 19:2 & 7
- Revelation 22:17 & 20
- The “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11:40

Takin' it “to-go”: *We, as believers, have accepted God's loving “proposal”. We are to live faithfully “engaged” to Him, in love with Him, as we anticipate our great “wedding day”!*