

Dan Greer Notes on Marriage Oct 11, 2020

- Biblical Marriage

Your calling has two major parts: **know him** and **make him known**.

The calling is based on the Great Commandment.

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 and he said to him, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **Matthew 22:36-39 ESV**

Spiritual maturity: Knowing him.

Security is unconditional love, and significance means my life has meaning and value.

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:1, 18, 28 ESV**

The biblical priorities for meeting both of these needs are:

- **Father**
- **Spouse**
- **Children**
- **Family**
- **Christian community**
- **Work relationships**
- **Neighbors**

Most people will naturally put their **spouse into that slot**.

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Stuffing means you hold them all in and go silent, and dumping means you respond in anger and cutting words. Biblical marriage is designed to use your strengths to cover the other person’s weakness.

When we share with the Father, he helps us to see things from his perspective. He separates our **feelings**, which are real and must be expressed. He then lets us process our **thoughts** about what has happened.

The glorious part, though, is He finally always asks the question but what do you **believe about me**? This practical process of in essence answering the question of **how am I doing?** can take months or years to master.

I am extremely angry about what she said and this is after all not the first time I have heard the words “always” and “never,” but I believe that I can never compare what anyone has done to me to what Christ has done for me.

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The degree of your pain is in direct proportion to the priority you have given it.

Gospel witness: making him known.

14 but even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ... **1 Peter 3:14-15 ESV**

We are called to be witnesses, living epistles to be known and read by all people; we are ambassadors representing the Father to the world and as we take our faith to work we become the fragrance of his grace.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV**