# I Want A New Marriage! (Part #1) "View A New Marriage!" \*See A New <u>Vision</u> Of Love!

John 4:7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## 3 Hebrew Words For Love In Song Of Songs

Raya=Friend, Companion, Deep Friendship

Ahava=Desire To Be With This Person, Join Lives,

Act Of The Will

"Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away.

If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love,

it would be utterly scorned."—Song of Songs 8:7

Dod=Caress Or Fondle, Sexual, Physical Love
"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is
more delightful than wine."—Song of Songs 1:2

"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us."— **Timothy J. Keller** 

# \*Move From Consumer To Covenant!

Matthew 19:3-10 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" <sup>4</sup>"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>7</sup>"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" <sup>8</sup>Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup>I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." <sup>10</sup>The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

"In any relationship, there will be frightening spells in which your feelings of love dry up. And when that happens you must remember that the essence of marriage is that it is a covenant, a commitment, a promise of future love. So what do you do? You do the acts of love, despite your lack of feeling. You may not feel tender, sympathetic, and eager to please, but in your actions you must BE tender, understanding, forgiving and helpful. And, if you do that, as time goes on you will not only get through the dry spells, but they will become less frequent and deep, and you will become more constant in your feelings. This is what can happen if you decide to love."— Timothy J. Keller

## \*Love the Stranger You Married

"Within this Christian vision of marriage, here's what it means to fall in love. It is to look at another person and get a glimpse of what God is creating, and to say, "I see who God is making you, and it excites me! I want to be part of that. I want to partner with you and God in the journey you are taking to his throne. And when we get there, I will look at your magnificence and say, 'I always knew you could be like this. I got glimpses of it on earth, but now look at you!"— Timothy J. Keller

Opening **EVERLASTING GOD** 

Welcome EVEN SO COME **OCEANS** 

Prayer

Offering ALL BECAUSE OF JESUS

Message
A NEW VIEW OF MARRIAGE

Pastor Dean Ward



Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly		Attendance	
January 29th	\$4,992.62	266	
February 5th	\$7,938.49	303	
February 12th	\$5,210.90	257	
February 19th	\$8,857.06	328	

N US TODAY	UPCOMING EVENTS			
Sunday, March 5th, 2017	This Week		Next Week	
Sunday, March Sin, 2017	Sunday March 5	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday March 12	Services 9:30am & 11:15am
	Wednesday March 8	The River's Edge Youth Group 6–8pm Wednesday Night Live! 6-8pm	Monday March 13	Philippians Cyber Studay 9pm on Facebook Live or Skype
Opening ERLASTING GOD	Thursday March 9	MOPS 9:30-11:30am Bible Study 6:30-8pm	Wednesday March 15	The River's Edge Youth Group 6–8pm Wednesday Night Livel 6-8pm
Welcome		Like! Check out our	Thursday March 16	Bible Study 6:30-8pm
VEN SO COME	320	Like! us on Facebook  Check out our website!	Saturday March 18	Reverse the Curse Men's Conference @ Saxonburg Memorial Church 8am-3pm

**MAY 13** 

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Family ◆ Fellowship ◆ Faith

6:30-8pm

**Beginning January 11th** 

BRING THE KID Nursery & Preschool programs are available



Open to kids in grades K-6



Open to youth grades 7-12

Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724-594-7394

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.