

TwoGetherness

“Grace Trumps Brokenness”

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1. What about you makes you easy to live with?
2. What about you makes you hard to live with?
3. Of the four “Dark Sides of Differences,” which one do you wrestle with most? How do you keep this from damaging your relationships?
4. Read James 4:10 and Philippians 2:3-5. Each passage talks about humility and how it affects relationships. What is humility, from a Biblical perspective? How is humility to be lived out, i.e. - what does it look like? What is the result of a humble life?
5. David and Pam talked about three essential Biblical actions a husband and wife must practice to get along with our differences - **Reveal Christ through sacrificial love, Submit to one another and Respect one another.** What makes these three so powerful in building a strong relationship?
6. Read Ephesians 5:25 and 1 Peter 1:3-4. Both passages talk about being more like Jesus. What does this practically look like in a marriage?
7. At the foundation of the Christian faith is this thing called “grace.” A simple definition of grace is not getting what we deserve. Another definition is undeserved favor. If you are living gracefully in your relationships, what are you going to need to be doing?
8. Bringing It Home: Acknowledge to your spouse, kids or someone you are in an important relationship the ways you can be difficult to live with. Secondly, ask this person/these people how you can be more graceful. (Hint: both of these things will be practices in humility! Which means it probably won't be very easy!)