



BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

“WANT A GREAT MARRIAGE—*BE HONEST*” Keys to Lasting Happiness in Your Home- Part 3 Gary Groves Sunday, August 28, 2022

Ephesians 4:15 (TLB): *“Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church.”*

IN MY MARRIAGE...

1. Fear of my weaknesses can PUT ME ON THE DEFENSIVE.

What Happens when I'm on the Defensive?

* I tend to BLAME my spouse.

Genesis 3:12-13 (GW): *The man answered, “That woman, the one you gave me, gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The snake deceived me, and I ate,” the woman answered.”*

* I tend to PRETEND NOTHING is wrong.

1 John 1:8 (TLB): *“If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.”*

2. Fear of my feelings can MAKE ME DISTANT.

Genesis 3:9-10 (NIV): *But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”*

What are some feelings that we tend to fear?

HURT feelings.

ANGRY feelings.

SEXUAL feelings.

3. Fear of my freedom can **MAKE ME DEMANDING.**

Genesis 3:16 (NCV): *Then God said to the woman, "I will cause you to have much trouble when you are pregnant, and when you give birth to children, you will have great pain. You will greatly desire your husband, but he will rule over you"*

HOW DO I OVERCOME THESE FEARS

1. I be honest **WITH MYSELF.**

Proverbs 20:27 (TLB): *"A man's conscience is the Lord's searchlight exposing his hidden motives."*

2. I be honest **WITH GOD.**

Psalms 86:5 (NIV): *"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you."*

Psalms 147:3 (NIV): *"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."*

3. I be honest with **MY SPOUSE.**

James 5:16 (TLB): *"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results."*

John 8:31b-32 (NIV): *Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

1 John 4:18 (NIV): *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."*

4. I **CLOSE DOORS OF FEAR** and I **CAST OUT THE DEMONS.**

1 John 1:9-10 (NKJV): *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."*

Mark 11:23 (NKJV): *“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”*