Gospel Commitments

#6 We will work to protect our marriage.

Introduction: Story of us

1. What does protecting your marriage look like to you?

Eyes Wide Open: Coasting couples, thinking you have arrived

You *"quit doing the good things that make a marriage sturdy and beautiful, not because [you] had a bad marriage but because [you] had a good marriage."*

What it looks like to coast:

- Visual Lethargy
- Habit Inconsistency
- Laziness
- Impatience
- Responding in Discouragement
- Dining with the Enemy

"It's not that we suddenly quit loving one another. No, that's not what typically happens. Marriages don't typically change with an explosion. Marriages typically change by the process of erosion."

- Compass analogy

On Your Knees: Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: (Matthew 6:9-13)

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:
"'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, [a]
but deliver us from the evil one. [b] '

Class Discussion: Why do we pray? How is the Lord's prayer good for your marriage?

Worship, Work, and Grace: Good marriages are built vertically before they are built horizontally

"The fundamental problem of every marriage is misplaced worship."

"Quit examining your spouse and your marriage through the lens of your wants, needs, and feelings."

Our Eye-rolling explosion story!

"When your life is shaped by the worship of God, you live with his plans and purposes in view. When you live with God in view, your fundamental perspective on marriage changes. Rather than approaching marriage with your self-oriented marriage dream, you will instead ask, 'What has God designed my marriage to be and to do?' This shift in perspective will radically alter the way you relate to your husband or wife. Now, rather than working to get your spouse to participate in, or even to deliver, your dream and judging him accordingly, you now want to humbly work with him to build a marriage that is a practical, everyday-life expression of God's will. Rather than seeking to make sure that your will is done in your marriage and working to get your spouse to serve your plan, you now find joy in God's will."

Gravitt Tips:

- Have fun. Laugh often.
- Less advice. More listening.
- Don't compare your marriage to other marriages.
- Worship together.

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