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4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John — <sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.<sup>[a]</sup>)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



“Wrong Well” from the  
Mr. and Mrs. Betterhalf  
Series

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Notes from Pastor Furtick's sermon "Wrong Well" from the Mr. and Mrs. Betterhalf series

- See John 4:1 to 26
- There is tendency to think that if I am not married, not going through a divorce, nor engaged in immoral behavior that the Mr. and Mrs. Betterhalf series is not for you.
- Elevation Church was created for broken people
- The ministry of Jesus Christ was for broken people.
- Church's may on occasion post signs – excluding those in need. Must be this holy, must be this good, must be . . .
- It is important to take the time to study the type of people that Jesus ministered to.
- Background: Religious leaders were arguing about Jesus since his popularity is on the rise. When all of the political rhetoric starts up, Jesus heads out of town.
- Jesus moves away from religious rhetoric and moves towards people that are hurting. He does not play that game.
- Do not get lost on sides streets on things that do not matter
- It is all about healing and ministering to the broken. Not the rhetoric. Jesus came to heal the hurting.
- "You know Doc, you need to shut your practice down because all you have is sick people." A Pastor Furtick classic.
- Listen to Pastor Furtick's story about a young women attending a traditional church with a well dressed congregation. "We dress our best for the Lord here."
- You continue with the rhetoric, I am going
- Jesus has to go through Samaria - He was compelled to go to Samaria

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- Many Jews altered their path to avoid going through Samaria.
- Jews and Samaritans tried to avoid each other. Samaria considered unclean.
- Women comes to the well in the heat of the day to avoid contact with others in the village. Most women would go to the well early or evening when cooler.
- You have to expose your sin before Jesus can heal your sin.
- She did not want to confront anyone at the well. Now she confronts the only one that is holy.
- For a Jewish Rabi to speak to a Samaritan women – highly irregular.
- The women went to the wrong well in her life.
- **Wrong well #1: You are unworthy of God's love. See John 4:10.**
- Jesus does not say: Women, if you kept my standard. Jesus merely says: you have not received the gift.
- What Pastor Furtick has learned about holiness over the years: "I do not have it and God does not need it. That is why he offers it as a gift."
- Holiness is not what God's want from me. It is what God wants for me.
- God commands me to live a certain way so that we can live much better.
- Great story about unexpected opportunity and doing things God's way. "The keys to his car are waiting for him in Atlanta."
- When God tells you to make a change in your life, God speaks to you to show you want he wants for you. God does not to keep something from you.
- If you really knew who God was, you would not try to do things your way.

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- **Wrong well #2: It is an impossible situation and too hard**
- The well is too deep, too hard, I have lost too much time.
- If this is the case, it is time for you go to another source.
- True satisfaction is obedience to God and what God wants to do inside of you.
- The key problem is the sources form which you get your satisfaction.
- I do not need empty shadows of love since I have a love that runs deeper.
- I have a spring of living water inside of me.
- This world is filled broken cisterns and God offers the spring of living water.
- Before Jesus heals you, he first needs to expose her sin.
- In order to receive the Gift, you need to leave all of the other false wells.
- What has been blinking on your dashboard.
- **Wrong well #3: Not now.**
- A time is coming which has now come where true worship of the father in spirit and in truth.
- Ya, but I will get my act together later
- The time is now.
- The women then becomes a platform to show God off.

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- **Wrong well #2: It is an impossible situation and too hard**
- **Wrong well #3: Not now.**

Other wrong wells:

- **Wrong well #4: In looking to the future, failure to grasp the difference between infatuation and divine love.**

C. S. Lewis  
Clive Staples Lewis  
11/29/1898 to 11/22/1963



“What we call “being in love” is a glorious state, and, in several ways, good for us. It helps to make us generous and courageous; it opens our eyes not only to the beauty of the beloved but to all beauty, and it subordinates (especially at first) our merely animal sexuality; in that sense. Love is the great conqueror of lust. No one in his senses would deny that being in love is far better than either common sensuality or cold self-centredness . . . Being in love is good thing, but it is not the best thing. You can not make it the basis of your whole life. It is noble feeling, but it is still a feeling. To Love and Be Loved in the second sense - love as distinct from “being in love” is not merely a feeling. **It is deep unity maintained by will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God.** . . . Being “in love” first moved them to promise of fidelity: this quieter love enables them to keep the promise. It is on this love the engine of marriage is run: being in love is the explosion that started it.”

Chapter 6, Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

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- **Wrong well #5: Complacency**

## “Lyin’ Eyes” by the Eagles

She wonders how it ever got this crazy  
She thinks about a boy she knew in school  
Did she get tired or did she just get lazy?  
She's so far gone she feels just like a fool

Honey, you can't hide your lyin' eyes

## Three Points:

1. Does it Glorify God?
2. Does it build up?
3. Is the Sum greater than the parts

Parts of an atom: protons, neutrons, and electrons.

Did you know that the sum of the components do not equal the weight of an atom?

This is called mass defect.

Also called “binding energy”

When unleashed, it is a massive amount of energy.

Carbon + O<sub>2</sub> -----> CO + CO<sub>2</sub> + SO<sub>x</sub> + NO<sub>x</sub> + 2eV energy

This is normal combustion.

A net producer of energy – but that much

## Nuclear Fission

U-235 + n -----> fission fragments + radiation + 2,000,000 eV energy.

Binding energy that is released from the fission process = 1,000,000 more powerful than one molecule of carbon.

Going Nuclear:

Is your relationship a net producer of energy?

Does  $C \gggggg A + B$ ?

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- **Wrong well #5: Complacency**
- **Wrong well #6: Lack of space in your togetherness**

But let there be spaces in your togetherness,  
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love.  
Let it rather be a moving sea between  
the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.  
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous,  
but let each of you be alone,

Even as the strings of a lute are alone  
though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.  
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together, yet not too near together.  
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,

And the oak tree and the cypress  
grow not in each other's shadow.

The Prophet on Marriage  
by Khalil Gibran

# Team building

Team #1: Bill and Rachael have been dating for about ten months. Bill is your best friend and you have known him for years. Bill is troubled with a couple of things:

- He considers his relationship with Rachael to be going fine. They have a lot of common interest and enjoy each others company.
- Bill thinks there is something missing and he can not quite put his finger on it.
- He thinks that Rachael might not be right for him.

Bill confides to you that he is concerned with how things are going.

Applying what you have learned in “Some of the Parts”, Love & Respect, and “How to Hug a Vampire”, discuss the following:

1. What defines a good relationship?
2. What defines a great relationship?
3. At a close friend of Bill, what would you tell him?
4. Should he double-down and try make the relationship grow and mature? Should he move on?

Team #2: Bob and Sue have been dating for about twelve months. Sue is your best friend and you have known her for years. Everything is going good in the relationship, however there are few tension points. Every other Sat. night, Sue hangs with her girl friends and Bob gets upset in that Sue is not spending time with him. Sue' friends call him "Velcro man" since he requires constant attention and company.

Applying what you have learned in "Some of the Parts", Love & Respect, and "How to Hug a Vampire", discuss the following:

1. What five things would you tell Sue?
2. If you were close to Bob, what five things would tell him?

Team #3: Linda is 21 and lives with her mom and step Dad. She is home from college for the summer and things (at home) are difficult. She has never had a good relationship with Herb (her step Dad) and she thinks that Herb treats her Mom like crap (yelling and sarcasm). There is also frequent arguments about curfew, chores, use of the car, etc. etc.

She does everything possible to avoid coming home (working two jobs and staying out late with friends). Furthermore, she does not understand why her Mom does not just leave Herb and find a “better guy”.

She feels so disrespected and unloved that she doubts that she will ever have a romantic relationship with a man.

Applying what you have learned in “Some of the Parts”, Love & Respect, and “How to Hug a Vampire”, discuss the following:

1. What five things would you tell Linda?
2. While Linda is overwhelmed with the situation, what would you say to assure her that not all relationships are bad and there is hope for the future?

Team #4: Martha (your Mom's sister) and Al went at again during Thanksgiving dinner. On display was the crazy cycle from h\_\_\_l. They have been married for 30 years and typically fight and yell at each other often. Your Mom (Liz) has been preparing this family dinner for over a week and she had been working non-stop for the last two days. When the blow-out between Martha and Al occurred just after the Thanksgiving Day blessing, Liz (your Mom), excused herself and retreated to her bedroom and cried herself to sleep. You and your boyfriend (Austin) are left alone in the kitchen to clean up and pick at the vast tray of untouched - desserts.

Applying what you have learned in "Some of the Parts", Love & Respect, and "How to Hug a Vampire", discuss the following:

1. If you and Austin were in control of the dinner, what would you have done differently?
2. During coffee the next morning, what would you say to Liz (your Mom)? State at least five things.

# Backup Slides

For Men: When spatial disorientation happens – Go to your instrument panel:

### Closeness:

- See Deuteronomy 24:5
- Hold hand and hugging
- Affectionate without sexual intensions
- Take walks together
- Make priority to spend time together
- Suggest the unexpected.
- Go out of your way to do something for her

### Openness:

- See Songs of Solomon 5:2
- Share your feelings
- “Let’s talk”
- Active listening
- You pray with her

### Understanding:

- See 1 Peter 3:7
- Man is not the stronger sex, we are equal and the same heirs to the throne of God
- Don’t try to fix problems unless she specifically asks for a solution.
- Attempt to ID feelings
- Cut her some slack during her monthly cycle
- Express appreciation for things that she does.



### Esteem:

- See Psalm 34:15 – The Lord looks with favor on those who are Godly.
- See 1 Peter 1:3-7: Treat her in a way so that her prayers will not be hindered.
- “I am proud of the way that you handled that”
- Make her feel important
- You are proud of all that she does.
- You try something new with her

### Loyalty:

- See Songs of Solomon 2:10
- State that you are committed
- Proverbs 5:15: “Drink water from your own well”
- Speak highly of her in front of others
- our marriage is a priority
- You have her back
- You keep your commitments

### Peacemaking:

- See 1 Corinthians 7:3-4
- Even the best relationships have conflict.
- You let her vent her frustrations
- When you are wrong, admit it
- You negotiate, compromise, and defer. Meet her ½ way.
- Resolve the unresolved issues
- You forgive her
- Never nurse bitterness
- Reassure her of your love

For Women: When spatial disorientation happens – Go to your instrument panel:

### Conquest:

- Appreciate his desire to work and achieve.
- You tell him that you value his work ethic
- You listen to his work stories
- Allow him to dream as you were when you were courting
- You don't dishonor or criticize his work
- Praise in public – reprimand in private.

### Hierarchy:

- **See 1 Tim 5:8**
- Appreciate his desire to protect and provide – do not minimize this.
- You verbalize your admiration of him being a provider

### Authority

- **See 1 Peter 3:7**
- Appreciate his desire to serve and lead.
- See Proverbs 31:16
- See Tutus 2:5
- See Ephesians 5:21 – Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- You praise his good decisions
- Disagree only in private



### Relationship:

- **See Philippians 2:4**
- Appreciate his desire for shoulder to shoulder friendship
- You tell him that you like him and you show it.
- Ecc 3:7
- You respond to his invitation to engage in recreational activities.
- You enable him to talk or let him spend time alone or spend time with friends

### Sexuality:

- After marriage, understand his desire for sexual intimacy
- I shall defer all discussion to a future married-couples eGroup.

### Insight:

- Appreciate his desire to analyze and counsel.
- Tell him upfront that you only need his ear – not to fix something.
- You recognize his problem solving approach as his male brand of empathy.
- You let me know that God has made us male and female for a purpose and that we need each other.