

Welcome to Sum of the Parts – Session 3

Recap from session 1

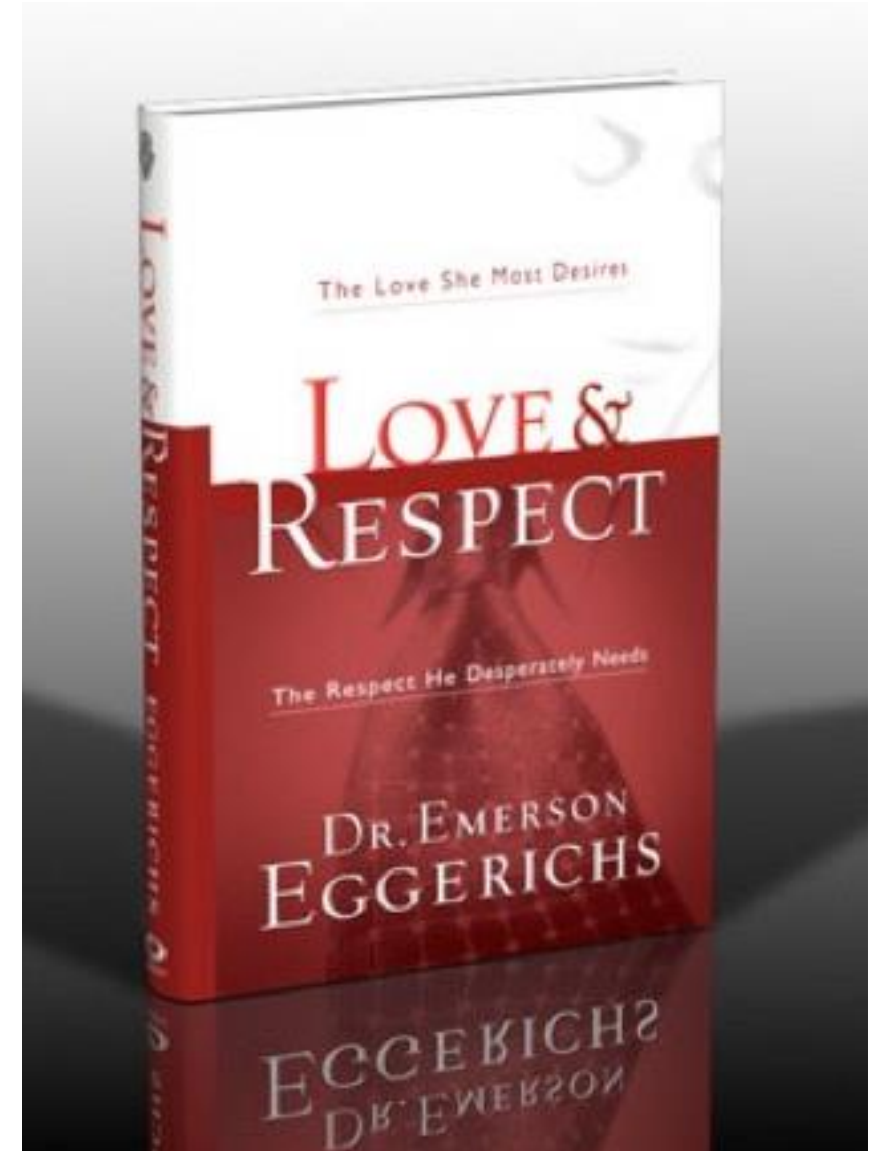
- Do you have a good understanding of what a convenantial relationship is?
- Understand the flow that we discussed: With Purpose comes to revelation, When you have a reason for living, you can then be in a better position to experience the amazing grace that comes with living a convenantial relationship with an intimate partner.

Recap of Sum of the Parts session 2

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- In this passage of scripture, God says through Paul: Be still and come close Church and listen to me. I have something important to say about marriage.
- Men are typically wired by God to respect and honor and Women are typically designed by God to love and nurture. And Paul commands the husband to love and nurture and the wife to respect and honor. Thus, Paul commands both the husband and wife to do what does not come naturally.



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- From this beautiful complexity, God creates some interesting constructive tension. Emerson then introduces the terms energy cycle and crazy cycle. The crazy cycle is defined as those times where unloving and disrespectful actions further fuel unloving and disrespectful behavior. The energy cycle is defined as those times where loving and respectful action fuels more loving and respectful behavior.
- Emerson also tells us to manage the crazy cycles (the tension points in any intimate relationship) and cultivate the energy cycles - where respect and honor foster more loving and nurturing.

Recap of Sum of the Parts session 2 - Men are like waffles and women are like spaghetti:

“God made us so that we can complement each other – however we can not complement what we do not understand.” *Pastor Steven – Fun House Part 2*

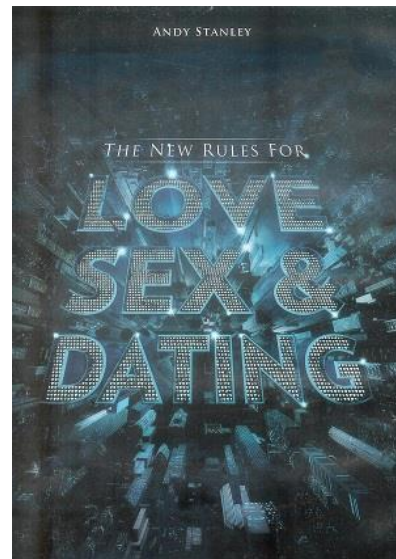
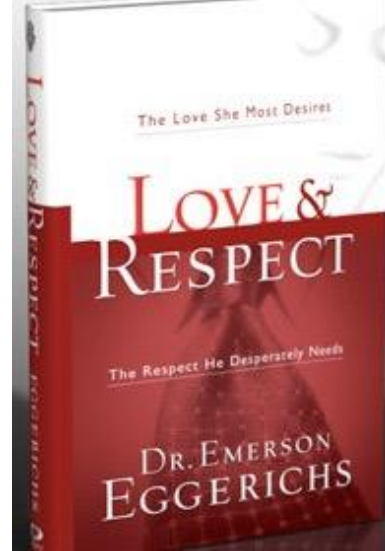
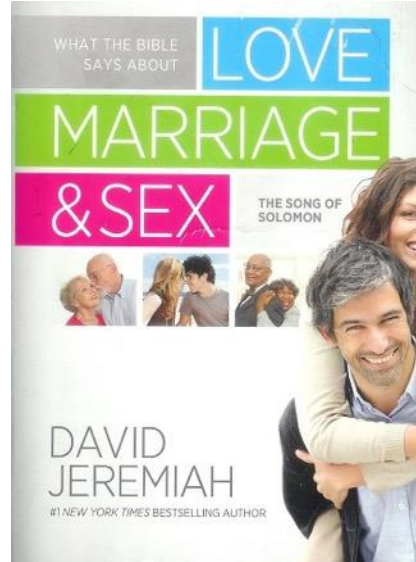
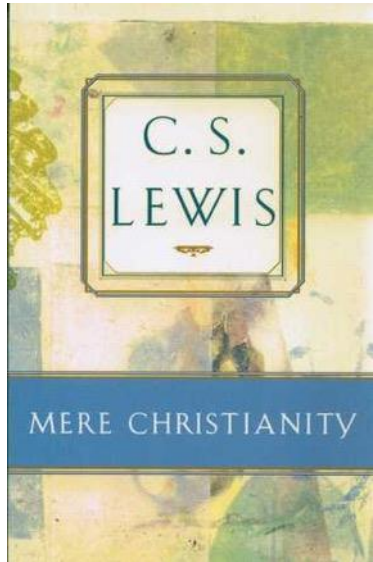


- Interconnected emotions and integrated personality
- “God made you to be beautifully complex” Pastor Steven
- Different by design
- Tangled webs of emotional involvement.
- “Words are connected to feelings which are connected to your actions” Emerson Eggerichs

- Men naturally compartmentalize
- Different by design
- Everything fits into one particular square
- Feelings and emotions are separated out from behavior
- Fix-it and move on.

BTW: Before you marry that special someone - Kev's all-star picks

Kev's six pack



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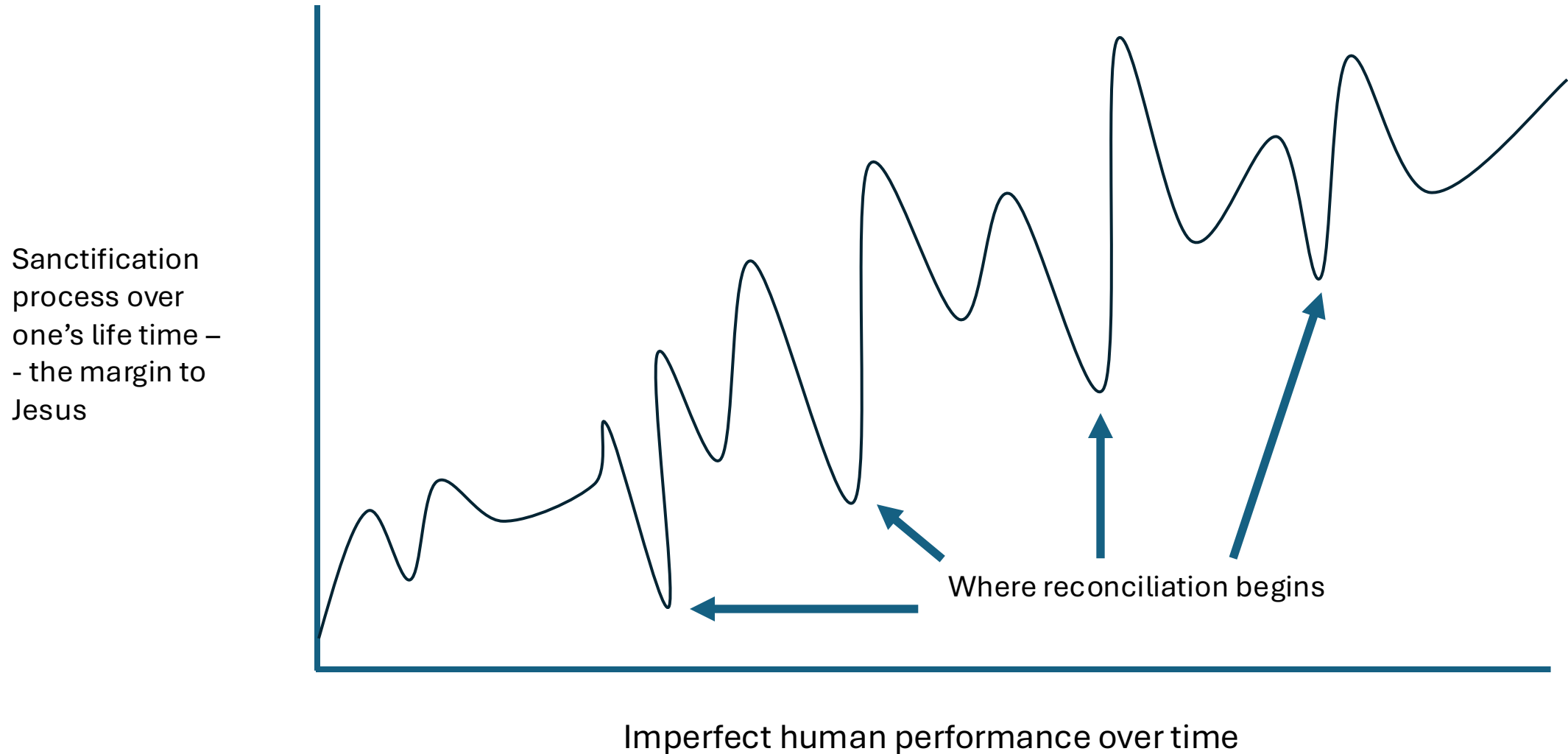
2 Cor 5:

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

To reconcile means to:

- It means to fix something that is broken
- It also means to bring something into correct alignment
- “It also means to change something so thoroughly that can never be recognized again.”

Pastor Matt Drew 4/18/2025



“New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating” by Andy Stanley – Continued:

Proverbs 14:8-15

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,
but the folly of fools is deception.

9 Fools mock at making amends for sin,
but goodwill is found among the upright.

10 Each heart knows its own bitterness,
and no one else can share its joy.

Corinth at the Time of Paul:

A thriving city and at the time of Paul, the chief city of Greece both commercially and politically.

Isthmus of Corinth used as common trade route to bring goods from Italy and Spain to the west and from Asia Minor to Phoenicia and Egypt.



Isthmus of Corinth



The Ancient Temple of Aphrodite

Goddess of Love

Located on the high Acropolis that loomed over the city of Corinth

Worshippers practiced religious prostitution.

At the time of Paul, 1000 sacred priestess (prostitutes) served in the temple



Corinth at the time of Paul:

When Paul visited the city, it was only 100 years old (rebuilt by the Roman empire in 44 BC due to value of trade route.)

Why Paul's letter to the Corinthians? Paul had received information concerning the state of the Church of Corinth.

Paul' purpose for writing: 1. restore the church in its areas of weakness, 2. correcting erroneous practices and divisions, 3. correct false teaching (particularly with the resurrection and abuse of the Lord's Supper), and 4. Answer questions.

Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians in 55 AD.

1 Corinthians is a letter relating to Church conduct. Many of the problems that confronted the Church of Corinth are still with us (immaturity, instability, jealousy, envy, sexual immorality, and misuse of spiritual gifts)

"Contains some of the most familiar and beloved chapters in the entire Bible."

1 Corinthians 13 - New International Version (NIV)

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man (adult), I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Wisdom from Pastor Stanley – habits to form and develop – none of this comes naturally – only chemistry and passion come naturally:

1 Cor 13	Pastor Stanley
Love is Patient	We are not to pressure the other person in to doing something that they do not want to do. Create time and margin needed by the other person.
Love is Kind (considerate)	Take into consideration what the other person feels
Love does not envy	"I don't feel good about me and I am going to drag you down." Don't be angry when the other person enjoys success and happiness.
Love does not dishonor	God: I want you to transform my character so that I continue to honor so that I do not destroy what I will value later in my life.

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1 Peter 3:3, 4, 5, and parts of 7 New International Version (NIV)

3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves.

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the (physically) weaker partner and **as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.**

Note: 1st century AD was an era when might = right. Things were resolved by one's physical dominance or vast wealth. Peter is providing revolutionary thinking here.

“New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating” by Andy Stanley – notes from KH

Our society cast a very poor vision of sex and love.

God created relationships.

Sport dating/serial dating folks will not like this series. However, this series will be helpful in the next chapter in your life.

Your relational past will be revealed in the future. “The present, becomes the past, and then shows up in the future.”

People with problems get married. This is not a marriage problem. Rather is the process of bringing unresolved problems into a marriage. The big lie: If I just marry this person, all of the problems will go away and everything will be all right.

Chemistry alone does not keep the marriage together. In fact the one thing that holds a relationship together (chemistry) may start to fail.

Become the right person before you attempt to get into the right relationship.

Are you the person that another person is looking for? Are you going to try to become the right person that someone else is looking for? Or are you merely hunting and seeking as part of competitive game?

How do I become the right person? See list of daily skills contained in 1 Cor 13. None of this comes naturally. Passion and chemistry does come naturally.

“New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating” by Andy Stanley – Continued:

Peter's view on women: See 1 Peter 3:7.

Revolutionary thought for a man in 1st Century: Use your position of might and power to honor and respect your wife - In a era where might = right

“You can not date like a slave owner and then make the transition to marriage by simply putting on a tux.”

Renew your mind and practice being the person that another person is looking for.

Every culture that has descended into atrocity started by calling names to people that were held as sub-standard. A society that calls women whores and bitches is a lower form of culture.

What erotic imagery really means to those that view it: 1. A real body is not good enough and 2. One body is not good enough and 3. Your wife's body is not good enough. **This is destroying marriages all over the US.**

How are you to treat someone that you are supposed to honor?

She is not yours to own. She is the daughter of the same God that you worship.

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



“Christianity is almost the only one of the great religions which thoroughly approves of the body – that God himself once took on a human body, that this same body is given to us even in Heaven and is going to be an essential part of our happiness, or beauty and our energy. . . . Nearly all of the greatest love poetry in all the world has been produced by Christians. If anyone says that sex, in itself, is bad, Christianity contradicts him at once.”

“There are people who want to keep our sexual instincts inflamed in order to make money out of us. Because, of course, a man (women) with an obsession is an man (women) who has very little sales-resistance. . . . God knows our situation . . . What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our willingness to overcome (these obsessions).”

Chapter 5, Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

Additional comments by KH:

Philippians 2:1-5

New International Version (NIV)

- 1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

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" (I love that word)

Carbon + O₂ -----> CO + CO₂ + SO_x + NO_x + 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 = 1,000,000 more powerful than one molecule of carbon.

Going Nuclear:

Is your relationship a net producer of energy?

Does $C \gggggg A + B$?



What the Bible says about Love, Marriage, and Sex by Dr. David Jeremiah and "Visionary Love Dream Sex" by Pastor Steven



Basic points of what we have discussed so far:



- Per Dr. David Jeremiah: **"Sex should not be an embarrassment to Godliness rather a reflection of it."** "The Bible does not shy away from any topic that is common to human experience and neither should we. . . ."
- Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.
- Jonathan Acuff: "We associate all the fun and excitement and coolness of life with the world and leave God all the boring discipline-flavored moments. He's like eating broccoli . We know it is good for us, but it's still broccoli. But, that cannot be right. God is wild. He's consistently saying, "Let's go find cliffs to jump off of, " and, I know exactly what you need, because guess what, I put that need there. ""
- Let myrrh drip from your lips and leave myrrh on your door handle.
- Going Nuclear: Does $C \gggggg \gg A + B$? When $C \gggggg$ the sum of the parts, it comes highly valued and worth defending. Love is not a 1 for 1 exchange - through Gods grace, the "C" becomes vastly bigger than the sum of the parts.

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“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

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

The Prophet on Marriage
by Khalil Gibran

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.