

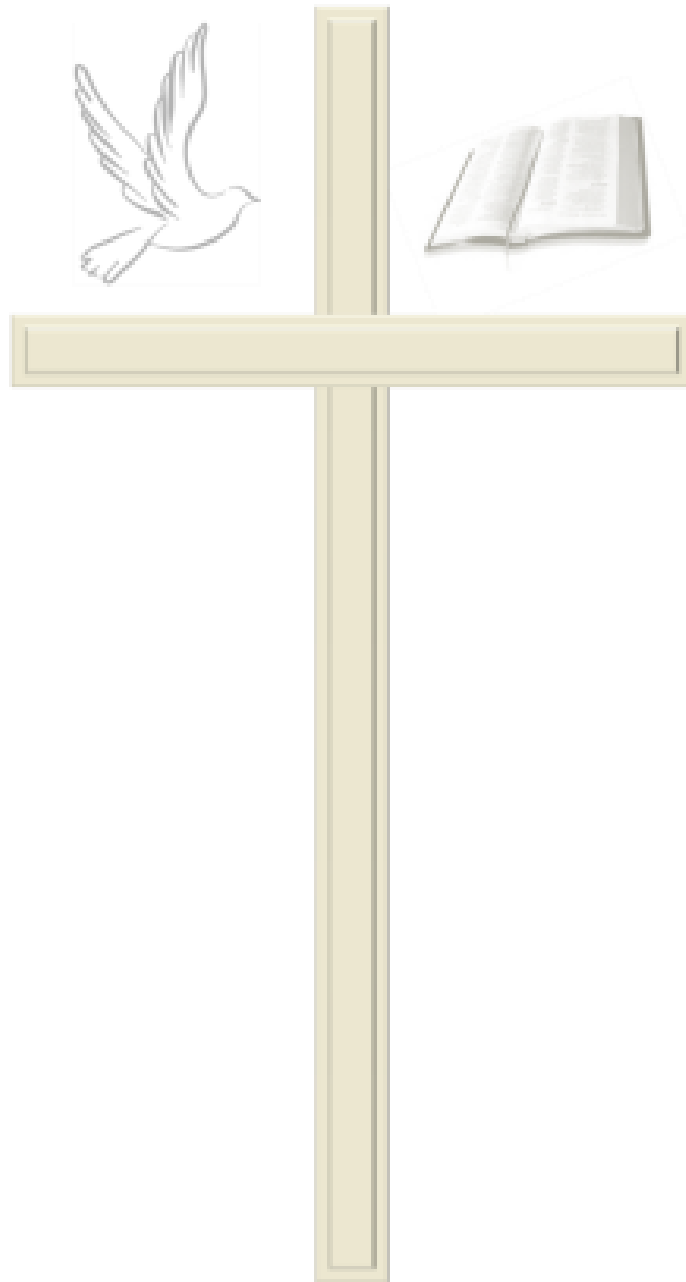
# **“Rules of Engagement III”**

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*Marriage According to the Gospel*

*The MAN and WOMAN of FAITH*

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*“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church” Ephesians 5:32  
A fivefold relationship between the man and his wife.*

## THE MAN AND WOMAN OF FAITH

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*Hebrews 11:6*

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

When we are clear about the meaning and significance of faith we will live at the highest levels of joy that life can afford.

People of FAITH LIVE \_\_\_\_\_ LIVES!

What is the biblical Tenor of Faith? What is faith's *fundamental* characteristic?

Would you say that *biblical faith* can be described as? \_\_\_\_\_

Pessimistic \_\_\_\_\_ Optimistic \_\_\_\_\_ Cynical \_\_\_\_\_

Does biblical FAITH describe your identity as a Person? If yes, then you are

\_\_\_\_\_

If not, let's consider several questions regarding marriage and YOU! *Ps 51:6*

What would you say that biblical faith can be described as \_\_\_\_\_?

**Pessimistic** \_\_\_\_\_

“One who habitually thinks or expects the worst”

**Cynical** \_\_\_\_\_

“Believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity”

**Optimistic** \_\_\_\_\_

“A hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.”

If my faith is largely expressed in terms of cynicism or pessimism what kind of faith would that be?

- a. Weak \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Toxic and distorted \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Absent \_\_\_\_\_

If my faith expression is marked by an attitude of optimism what kind would it then be?

- a. Vital and strong \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Weak and suspect \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Delusional \_\_\_\_\_

Can you see how important faith is to the relationship in marriage? How it informs our views opinions and decision? \_\_\_\_\_ *Num 13:30*

Will it have an impact on our communication? \_\_\_\_\_ *Num 13:31*

Does it matter to GOD? \_\_\_\_\_ *Num 14:11*

**Let's address some very serious questions:**

How important is a right attitude of faith in the strengthening of our marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Express two or more –

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

Is a weak or toxic faith a potential liability to the marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

In what areas, can a deficient or defective faith impact the marriage? *Acts 5:1-11*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the consequences of a marriage with weak faith? *Gen 16:1-6*

Delayed blessings and carnal outcomes –

Conversely would a marriage where faith is **vital and strong** demonstrate more harmony and effectiveness in its mutual collaboration for God's glory? \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 18:26/1 Cor 16:3-4*

Would such a marriage succeed in growing and serving God as its principal of life?

What would a strong vital faith marriage in both persons look like?

Is this topic of biblical FAITH critical to the discussion of a GOD glorifying marriage?

I am reminded of *Heb 11:4-40* of all the couples who were called to a journey of faith in their marriages.

And it informs me of how important getting faith right in its tenor and attitude if God is to be sought, relied upon, and enjoyed as the reality of our walk as couples.

We must know when we are or not thinking, talking or acting in faith.

What is the importance of biblical faith in a marriage?

Its Source is? \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Peter 1:1*

Its Resources are? \_\_\_\_\_ *Eph 1:3*

Name some of them. \_\_\_\_\_

Its aim is \_\_\_\_\_ with God *Eph 2:18*

Its promise is \_\_\_\_\_ *1 John 5:4*

What if faith is not present in reality how would that show up?