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### Me Marriages

1. Most couples say that they are getting married because "We love each other!"
2. Most couples say that they love each other because, "He/She makes me happy!"
3. But, I love you because you make me happy is not love for you; it is love for myself.

### The Happy Trap

1. Expecting life to be happy
2. Expecting things to make me happy
3. Expecting other people to make me happy

### The Happiness Paradox

1. The more I expect people to make me happy, the more unhappy I will be.

2. The more I seek to make other people happy, the more happy I will be.

### The Purpose for Marriage

1. The first purpose of marriage is companionship.  
*Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*
2. The second purpose of marriage is partnership.
3. The third purpose of marriage is authorship.  
*Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it . . ."*
4. The ultimate purpose of marriage is worship.  
*Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

### Marriage as the Model

1. Marriage is a model of self-sacrifice, rather than self-centeredness.
2. Marriage is a model of seeking to please, rather than to be pleased.

### 3. Marriage is a model of our relationship to God.

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her . . .*