



***Supplemental Notes:***

# **A More Excellent Way**

## **The Marriage Turnaround of Chuck and Nancy Missler**

Is your marriage relationship all that you want it to be? Is it all that God wants it to be?

Just because we are Christians doesn't mean that we automatically have God's Love flowing from our lives. Why?

Chuck and Nancy each relate their own story of how God turned their marriage around. This discovery of the power of God's Love has healed relationships all over the world.

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### I. God's Truth

"God wounds us in order to heal us": Hos 6:1; Jn 12:24-25; Ps 107:25-30.

**A.** Why does God allow trials in our lives? (His "Cornering.") Deut 8:2-3; Ps 119:71, 75; Acts 14:22; 1 Pet 4:19.

**1.** Because He loves us and wants us to be healed, be whole and have abundant Life. Ps 71:20; Job 5:17-18; 37:11-13; Deut 8:16; Jn 15:2; Heb 12:6-10.

**2.** Because He wants our attention. He wants us to stop going our "own" way, and go His Way instead. Ps 119:67; Judg 2:22; 1 Pet 4:1-2; Heb 11:26.

**a.** So we might **see** our true selves; our sin and separation from Him. Ps 8:1-18.

**b.** So we might **hear** His voice. Deut 4:1; 6:3-5; 8:2-3.

**c.** So we might **choose** which way we will go. Deut 4:1; 6:3-5; 8:2-3.

**3.** Because He wants every hindrance removed that keeps us from being fully yielded. Ps 51:7-9; Jas 1:13-15; 2 Cor 1:9b; 3:5; 4:7-12; Rom 5:3-5.

**4.** Because He wants to see **if we love Him**. Job 13:15a; Deut 13:3-4; 2 Chr 32:31b; James 1:12.

## **II. Whole Purpose of Being a Christian Is:**

**A.** To be emptied of self life, so we can be filled with His Life. Jn 3:30b; 12:24a,b; 13:37b; Col 2:12; 1 Cor 15:31b, 36; 2 Cor 4:8-12, 16; Mt 23:26; James 4:8-10; Lk 12:33; Mk 8:35; Eph 3:19; 4:13.

**B.** And then manifest (reflect), show forth His Life (His Character), not our own. Ex 9:16; Phil 1:21; Gal 1:16a; 2:20; 4:19; Col 3:4a; Jn 1:16; 3:30a; 10:10; 12:24a; 1 Cor 10:31; 2 Cor 4:7, 11b; Eph 5:2, 18b; "Be in this world as He is," 1 Jn 4:8, 17; Jn 12:26a.

**C.** So others will see the "real" Jesus in us. Ex 9:16; Mt 5:16; 1 Jn 4:8, 12, 16-17; Lk 11:33; Jn 1:7a.

## **III. God's Way of Agape Is:**

Mt 22:37-40; 16:24-25; Jn 12:24-25; 2 Cor 4:10-12.

**A.** Learning first that God loves us. Jer 31:3; Isa 49:16; Jn 3:16; Heb 13:5b; 1 Jn 4:10.

**1.** Learning what His Love is. 1 Cor 13:1-8.

**2.** Learning He has poured this kind of Love in our hearts. Rom 5:5.

**B.** Learning what it means to Love God in return, with all our heart, will and soul. Mt 22:37; Deut 6:4-6; 10:12; 11:22; 30:20; Jn 14:21; 1 Jn 5:3.

**C.** Learning what it means to Love our Neighbor as Ourselves. Mt 22:39; 1 Jn 2:8-11; 4:21; Jn 13:34; James 1:12.

“He is our life”: Deut 30:15-20 (Deut 10:12)

## **The Mystical Basis of Marriage** **Ephesians 5:22-32**

- 1) *Biological Basis*: procreation, etc.
- 2) *Psychological Basis*: a union to meet life's challenges, joys, sorrows, etc.
- 3) *Sociological Basis*: the family unit as the primary element of the tribe, community, nation, etc.
- 4) *Supernatural/Spiritual Basis*: God's ordained unit through which He communicates His most significant truths.

### **Preeminence:**

Christ is the *Head* of the Church: Eph 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col 1:18; 2:19.

### **Preciousness of His People:**

Deut 32:10,	“Apple of His Eye”;
Isa 62:3,	Crown of Glory;
Zech 9:16,	Stones of crown, ensign;
Mal 3:17,	Jewels;
Eph 5:25.	

### **Love for the Church:**

Eph 1:15; Phil 4:1; 1 Thess 2:8; 1 Pet 1:22; 1 Jn 5:2.

Church = “Bride”: Isa 62:5; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2; 22:17.

## Marriage as “Prophetic Types”:

### 1) Genesis 22 & 24:

Abraham & Isaac (Gen 22)

Isaac edited out of record from offering until Gen 24:62.

Isaac & Rebekah (Gen 24)

Unseen commitment until Well of Lahai-Roi.

### 2) Ruth & Boaz:

Boaz = Goel, Kinsman-Redeemer;

Ruth = Gentile Bride;

Naomi: Redemption of the Land.

### 3) Hosea: Jehovah & Israel

### 4) Cana: (“3rd Day” = Tuesday, “Double Blessing” of Gen 1:9-13)

### 5) **Adam as a type of Christ:**

[vs. Christ = “Last Adam”]

Adam was not deceived: 1 Tim 2:14; Adam loved Eve so much that he knowingly chose to share her destiny...without which, there would have been no redeemer, the “Seed of the Woman.”

[Do you love *your* wife that much?]

## Gentile Brides as Types:

Adam

Eve

Isaac

Rebekah

Joseph

Asenath

Moses

Zipporah

Salmon

Rahab

Boaz

Ruth

[all have *no death* recorded!]

## **Ancient Jewish Marriage:**

*Shiddukhin* (engagement)  
(... arranged by the father!)]

*Ketubah* (the agreement)

Bridegroom absent to build the house  
(Jn 14:2, 3)

Taken in the night...Marriage!

*Huppah* (wedding ceremony); 7 day celebration.

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