

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

Life Lived for the Lord

Worksheet 4: **September 25, 2014—agape'**

If we would live our lives for the Lord, we must do it His way! We must love God with everything we are and everything we have; with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Jesus said this is the greatest—most important—command in Matthew 22:35-38 and Mark 12:28-30!

“Love Him more than yourself and His glory more than your life!”

Bishop Fenelon

“**God is love:** This statement presupposes all the rest of the biblical witness to God, and it includes the severity of His justice.”

J. I. Packer

“Under the mask of concern for the poor at home,
how many excuse themselves from all care of the perishing heathen abroad.”

Jamison, Fausset and Brown

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 91:14

Psalm 97:10

♥**Proverbs 30:21** “*Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot bear up:*” And verse 23 records: “*...an unloved woman who is married.*”

John 15:13

1 Corinthians 2:9

Ephesians 2:4-5

Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 6:10 “*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and **the love you have shown him** as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. **Isaiah 54:5a-6**—“*For your Maker is your husband.... ¶The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected,*’ says your God.” **2 Corinthians 11:2**—“*I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.*” Does God’s promise to be a ‘husband’ to you bring comfort, confusion or distress: Why?

_____ comfort _____ confusion _____ distress

Why:

2. You may be a wife that is dearly loved by her husband—be careful to **thank the Lord for that ‘love’**, because we are not loved because we deserve it, but because of God’s grace—even by an earthly husband. Place an **X** on the lines that describe **you** in the area of ‘love’.

_____ **kind** _____ gentle _____ helpful
_____ affirming _____ thoughtful _____ accommodating
_____ respectful _____ submitting _____ **patient**

Without love, when push comes to shove, we’re most likely to shove!

Anonymous

Recommended Reading:

Knowing God, J. I. Packer
The Cost of Discipleship, Deitrich Bonhoeffer

Charles Spurgeon **Morning** and Evening
February 17

“Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi”

Genesis 25:11

“Hagar had once found deliverance there and Ishmael had drunk from the water so graciously revealed by the God who liveth and seeth the sons of men; but this was a merely casual visit, such as worldlings pay to the Lord in times of need, when it serves their turn. They cry to Him in trouble, but forsake Him in prosperity.

“Isaac dwelt there, and made the well of the living, all-seeing God his constant source of supply. The usual tenor of a man’s life, the *dwelling* of his soul, is the true test of his state. Perhaps the providential visitation experienced by Hagar struck Isaac’s mind, and led him to revere the place; its mystical name endeared it to him; his frequent musings by its brim at eventide made him familiar with the well; **his meeting Rebecca there had made his spirit feel at home near the spot; but best of all, the fact that he there enjoyed fellowship with the living God, had made him select that hallowed ground for his dwelling.**

“Let us learn to live in the presence of the living God; let us pray the Holy Spirit that this day, and every other day, we may feel ‘Thou God seest me’. May the Lord Jehovah be as a well to us, delightful, comforting, unfailing, springing up unto eternal life. The bottle of the creature cracks and dries up, but the well of the Creator never fails; **happy is he who dwells at the well, and so has abundant and constant supplies near at hand.**

“The Lord has been a sure helper to others: His name is Shaddai, God All-sufficient; our hearts have often had most delightful intercourse with Him; **through Him our soul has found her glorious Husband, the Lord Jesus;** and in Him this day we live, and move, and have our being; let us, then, dwell in closest fellowship with Him. Glorious Lord, constrain us that we may never leave Thee, but dwell by the well of the living God.”