

It's Complicated.

"The Complexities of a Great Marriage!" Philippians 2:2-5
March 30, April 2-3, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Three inevitable post-marriage phases:

1. The honeymoon phase.
2. The party-is-over stage.
3. The built-to-last stage.

Six Values of a Healthy Marriage:

1. Communication

One of the reasons we have difficulty in communication is because men and women communicate differently.

The good news is that communication is a skill that anyone can learn.

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2. Consideration - Consideration means paying attention to what people say and to how people feel and validating them.

James 3:17

Love is an unconditional regard that causes me to put your wants and needs above my own.

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3. Compromise - In 1 Corinthians 13:5, Paul wrote: "*Love is not self-seeking.*" In other words, love does not demand its "own way".

Wise couples recognize that they're going to see things differently, and that will probably cause some conflict. But the solution for that conflict will be loving compromise.

More marriages die from inflexibility than from alcoholism, or abuse or adultery.

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4. Courtship *Proverbs 5:19 RSV*

It is hard to overestimate the importance of keeping romance alive in your marriage. But, the complications of marriage tends to be the greatest danger to romance. *Ecclesiastes 9:9*

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5. Commitment *Malachi 2:16; Matthew 10:39*

Living to do what's best for you is not what's best for you! Doing what God says is best for you is actually best for you.

Commitment means: being willing to be faithfully unhappy until you work your problems out.

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6. Christ - The greatest thing you can do for your marriage is to ask Jesus Christ to lead it!

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One of the greatest challenges of your life will be building a great marriage in a complicated world...but nothing will be more rewarding.

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Collection for The Dream Campaign

Throughout April

The Dream Campaign is a ministry in downtown Savannah that creates opportunities for at-risk youth and their families to discover their abilities and dream for their future. To support this ministry we are collecting multipacks of individually-wrapped snacks and drinks. Please leave donations in the collection bin in Connecting Point.

Keep it Clean

6:45 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

Kids Auditorium 3, Second Floor

Parents of elementary-age children are invited to this panel-discussion on how to talk about purity with your pre-teen. You'll get insight from parents who have already had these conversations with their children and benefit from what they learned. Walk away with biblical advice on how to approach this topic with your child.

REAL Time: The Beloved of God

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12

Adult Ministry Center across the street

God is love, and we are His beloved. This beautiful truth should resonate in our hearts and transform us. Ladies, join us for this monthly women's event where we'll share fellowship and encourage one another in our faith. Jo Crosby will teach on being the beloved of God. A light meal will be served. Purchase your \$8 ticket at SavannahChristian.com by Tuesday, April 5.

Point University Dual Credit Enrollment Information Session

11 a.m. - noon Saturday, April 16 or 1 - 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Room 211, Adult Ministry Center across the street

Point University at our Henderson Campus offers a program that enables high school students to earn credits towards their college degree. This is a great way to get a head start on college. Find out how you could receive free college credit through this program at one of these sessions. For more information, contact Roxane at roxane.pace@point.edu.

Hang on for the Ride Marriage Conference

6:45 - 9 p.m. Friday, April 29 and 8:45 a.m. - noon Saturday, April 30

Worship Center

Just like a road trip, marriage is filled with adventure, unpredictable weather, breathtaking moments and traffic jams. Cam and Sarah will share the life lessons they learned about marriage while spending time on their Harley. A light buffet will be served 45 minutes before the start of each session. Purchase your \$15 ticket from The Source bookstore or SavannahChristian.com. Childcare tickets are available at SavannahChristian.com for \$10.