

Greetings from the "New" Galveston!

Welcome to "Pastor Kelley's Korner"!

Know of something exciting that's happened to someone? Email me and let's get the word out! krvaughan@yahoo.com

And check out my daily blog at www.kelleykorner.blogspot.com

SEASIDE COMMUNITY NEWS...

**LOVE GOD
LOVE THE FAMILY
LOVE THE WORLD**

John 13:14 says, *"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."*

JAMAICA BEACH CRAFT FAIR ...

Thank you to all who participated in this fund raiser for children's camp. We raised right at \$1200. Our next one will be the Saturday of Memorial Weekend. Look for the PB&J Breakfast (Pancakes, Bacon, and JESUS!).

CHILDREN'S CAMP ...

June 23-28. For completed 3rd grade-6th grade. In GlenRose, Texas. In conjunction with Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco. Possibly limited to first five to sign up. Cost is \$275. \$50 non-refundable deposit due ASAP, but no later than April 15th. There may be some scholarship money available. See me or Mama Chris right away to let us know if you are interested or to sign up!

MISSIONS MINUTES ...

It is exciting to see Seaside getting excited about missions of all kinds. We already are connected with the Humphries family in Alaska. And we give a percentage of what people give to the church to the local Baptist association (*That means county-wide stuff like the block party trailer we always use and other assistance*

programs for local churches). Plus we try to get involved in local mission needs as they come to our attention.

We also have another way we cooperate to do missions. The Baptist General Convention of Texas was among those who helped us out a lot after Hurricane Ike, and they were also active after Hurricane Harvey. In the last few years we have hosted the Texas Baptist Men in our retreat center for some of the training they do for feeding people in crisis areas. The BGCT also does such things as train chaplains, provide help for churches who are building, support colleges and seminaries and hospitals, pay salaries of missionaries overseas and in North America, provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for church staff members, and do specific missions projects in Texas and all over the world. Sounds pretty exciting, doesn't it?

BAPTISM IN THE GULF ...

Baptism opportunities are available to you year-round at Seaside! That's one of the benefits of living on a tropical Island Paradise, right? And our first baptisms of the year will be taking place at our Easter Sunrise Service on the beach.

If you are a believer and want to take your relationship with Jesus to the next level, you are invited to join in this amazing experience in the Gulf of Mexico any time! Please let me know as soon as you can either at church or by email (pastor@seasidefamily.org) so we can get you on the docket.

A WORD FROM THE HUMPHRIES' ...

Lauren – “A mom of three children was very overwhelmed and having issues getting her son to school. We took her nine year old son for a few weeks and helped her with some parenting and coping skills for her younger girls. She is still in a very hard place emotionally and we are praying we can find new ways to lean into her and help her feel a surrounding of community. Pray that her preschooler, Divinity, qualifies for special education so she can have a few hours break during the day and her daughters do better with sleeping. Pray that she can be able to function to try coming to church and get the kids out of the house more.”

Thank you all for your prayers!”

TEACHING ...

SEASIDE CHURCH
17 March 2019
“Will You Marry Me? Husbands”
Ephesians 5:25-33

<<Show “Manslator” video>>

**OK. How many husbands can relate even a little bit to that video?
Ladies?**

Well, here’s this week’s marriage counseling advice:

1. Husbands, if you’re not sure what she means, go ahead and ask. What you’re thinking may be totally different from what is in her head.
2. Wives, don’t assume he knows what you mean about ... anything. We’re not being hateful or deliberately shutting you out. We just don’t speak your language. Be patient with us.

Paul has a bit more to say on the whole husbanding subject. A lot more than the three verses he had for the wives last week! But before we move on to the husbands, let’s pray:

Father, help us as husbands to get a better handle on loving our wives. And help us - and our wives - to understand what you mean by submitting. In Jesus name. Amen.

OK, Guys. Are you ready?

5:25

Love your wives* - *agape - This is the main point Paul wants husbands to get. It’s so important he repeats it 3 times! Or maybe he knows husbands just don’t get it and need to hear it a lot!

Love is what the husband gives as his part in the mutual submission paradigm. And the interesting grammatical thing here is this: “Love” is in the form of a command. Why is this a big deal? Because it means you can choose to do it. It’s not something you “fall” in and out of. Do it!

And what does this “love” look like?

just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her - 2 actions characterize Christ’s role for the church: Love and sacrifice. The husband is to act the same way toward his wife - that is, to so put her needs ahead of his own that he is willing to die for her! See, guys, the wife is asked to submit not to authority, but to sacrificial love!

5:26

sanctify – make her holy - set apart from sinful living and for righteous living

cleansed – moral purification. The beauty is an abiding spiritual one, not a fading physical beauty.

the washing of water – refers to the ritual bridal bath before the wedding that was the custom of both Jews and Greeks. Baptism is like our ritual bath as we become the bride of Christ.

with the word – *rhema*, not *logos*, so a specific utterance - refers either to the preaching of the gospel that caused the person to have faith or to the actual confession of faith by the person being baptized.

5:27

in all her glory – radiant- so, glorious beauty

no spot or wrinkle – no stain or blemish (*spilon*) or fold on the face (*hrutida*). There is no ugliness or disfigurements that mar her beauty.

blameless – (*amowmos*) without a flaw or blot

Now wait a minute. I have a question for you ladies.

How many of you brides had help from your husband to get you ready for the ceremony - makeup, zipping you up, anything?

The most significant part of this passage is this:

It is NOT the bride of Christ who makes herself presentable. Instead, the loving actions of the Bridegroom Jesus - on behalf of his bride - make her into the bride he wants her to be.

5:28

ought – to be under obligation, to owe a debt, to have a duty

their own bodies – The deep-rooted instinct that we all have - to care for and protect oneself - is to be carried over to the wife (who has become one flesh with her husband).

5:29

hated – *detested* – strong word!

nourishes – to feed - to raise to maturity

cherishes – to keep warm - to brood over, to care for

5:30

members of his body – general term for limbs or parts of the body

5:31

Quotation from Genesis 2:24

leave his father and mother – to leave with an intensifier, so to leave totally, sometimes translated *abandon*, so the marriage commitment takes precedence over every other human relationship ... even Mommy and Daddy!

be joined to – Either *to be glued* plus an intensifier, so stuck together forever! Or *to be glued* with the modifier meaning *face to face*, so this could be a reference to the consummation of the marriage relationship.

one flesh – Marriage includes the sexual union as part of the commitment – Yes. But it is more than just that. It is a spiritual covenant as well.

5:32

mystery – from word meaning *to shut one's mouth*

great – *mega* in Greek – profound, huge!

Guys, you gotta love this statement! Paul admits that the whole marriage thing is a mystery to him, too! But he hastens to add that in spite of the mystery, his point is to communicate something about Christ and the church.

5:33

Nevertheless – Just because my point is to teach about Jesus and the church, that doesn't let you guys off the hook!

even as himself – The gauge by which husbands will know if they are indeed loving their wives properly is self-love. "Is this how I want to be loved?"

respects – *phobaytai* – phobia! - to be in awe of in the sense of showing respect.

The husband in his leadership role treats his wife's needs, desires, and well-being as if they were his own. He helps her develop her God-given gifts and abilities to become the most complete, fulfilled, and productive person she could

be. He always questions how he could be a better husband to his wife, not how she could be a better wife to him.

The husband bears the primary responsibility for the success of the marriage. It's like the head coach of a football team. It's the team that loses, but the coach gets fired. The husband's place is not a position about which to boast or a platform from which to dominate.

So how does a husband go about meeting his wife's needs? First find out what the needs are!

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

1. Physiological – First a person seeks to fulfill his physiological needs. These are those things that are necessary in order to sustain life: food, water, oxygen, rest, etc.

2. Safety – Second, a person seeks to fulfill safety needs, which involve the need for a safe environment, protection from harm, etc.

3. Love and belonging – Third, after having the first two sets of needs fulfilled, a person seeks to fulfill his need for love and belonging. This includes a desire for affectionate relationships with others.

4. Esteem – Fourth, a person seeks to fulfill his need for esteem. Esteem involves receiving recognition as a worthwhile person.

5. Self-actualization – Finally, after the other levels of needs are met, a person seeks to fulfill the need of self-actualization. This is the need to become the person one has the potential to become, to develop into a full, creative person.

Most husbands and wives do fine helping each other fulfill the first two levels.

1. Most husbands allow their wives enough air, water, food, and rest.
2. And most are concerned about keeping the car in good running order, making sure the house is safe with proper lighting, ventilation, locks, etc.

But where most husbands and wives fall down is in meeting their spouse's needs for love and belonging, esteem, and self-actualization.

Paul uses the *agape* word instead of *phileo* (brotherly friendship or companionship or affection) or *eros* (sexual passion).

Agape is a deliberate attitude that leads to actions related to another's well-being, regardless of that person's response. The verb tense indicates a love that continues, implying a lifelong commitment.

Guess what? Husbands can't maintain that kind of love on their own! That kind of love is what is produced in them by the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-26 indicates: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

So the wife has to submit, but the husband has to love. Which role - husband or wife - is more difficult?

OK. One last question ...

What does a wife do when the husband does not take spiritual leadership?

Let's deal with those this final question by calling in another expert. This guy wrote a book or two in the Bible as well. His name is Peter.

READ 1 Peter 3:1-4

Get his message, wives?

Submit to your husbands so that even if some of them disobey the Christian message, they may be won over without a message by the way you live when they watch your pure, reverent lives.

And let me hasten to add ... as long as he doesn't demand that you disobey the principles of Jesus' teachings. John 12:26 says, *Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

Now the husbands ...

READ 1 Peter 3:7

Did it ever occur to you that if you don't treat your wife right, your prayers will be hindered?

Have you ever had that sense before - when something is not right between you that your prayers are hitting the ceiling, or maybe that you don't even feel like praying?

Perhaps it's time to do a relationship check. Take a look at the wife who God gave you as a precious gift.

Do you appreciate her?

How have you *shown* her that you do ... *lately*?

And here's an especially tough one for the guys.

Have you told her lately that you love her, that you will be there for her no matter what?

Maybe this will help jog some memories.

I, _____,
receive you, _____,
as a gift from God,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold,
from this day forward,
for better or for worse,
for richer or for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
To honor and respect,
until parted by death,
and in this I pledge you my truth."

It's a God thing, Gentlemen.
Love your wife.

A LOOK AT SALVATION ...

You need to understand that God loves you more than you could ever know. He wants to be in a personal, love relationship with you. However, we most certainly have proven that we have a problem. The Bible calls it sin, and sin keeps us from having that relationship. Simply put, God will not tolerate sin. It has to do with his nature of perfect justice. And the problem worsens because there is nothing we can do to take care of it. Quite a dilemma.

But God is, after all, God. He knew we would have that problem, so because of his great love for us, he said, "I'll take care of it. I'll do what is necessary." And what was that? Somehow God became a man – Jesus. He lived a perfect life. He died. And he rose from the dead. And because of that perfect sacrifice he made, our problem with sin is taken care of. It is now possible once again for us to have a personal, love relationship with God, with Jesus.

But wait. Remember that he wants the relationship to be one of love. He proved his love for us when he took the biggest risk of all in creating us – he gave us the right to choose to love him back. It was the only way for love to have any real meaning. So now you must choose. Will you love God back?

The best way to understand it is to follow the relationship idea. How did you start every relationship you have ever had? By talking, right? It's the same with God. That's all prayer is, anyway – just talking to God. You can say something like this: *"Jesus, I know I sin and I'm sorry. I believe your life and death and resurrection takes care of that problem in me. Best I know how, I want to turn away from that and turn to you. Come into my life and take over. You be the Boss. I choose to love you back. Amen."*

So did you pray it? Have *you* believed and confessed Jesus?

Your next step is to tell someone about it. It is an important enough decision that you need to be held accountable for it. That's what baptism does, by the way. It's a way to tell everyone that you have a new relationship with Jesus. And because it is a relationship, you will need to work at it.

Here are the discipleship basics according to Jesus:

1) Love God:

Read the Bible – learn his story (**Discipleship**). Who is this guy you are committing yourself to follow?

Worship – appreciate God for who he is. Pray – talk to him. Listen to him.

2) Love people:

Church – hang out with others who already know him (**Fellowship**).

Learn from them. Receive encouragement from them. Learn to worship from them and do it with them.

Ministry – find a place of service so you can try out this new life you are beginning. Get outside of yourself and do things for other people.

Evangelism – learn how to point people to Jesus. Build relationships with people who don't know Jesus.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? ...

Here's another opportunity for ministry ... If any of you Seasideers would be interested in doing some volunteer secretarial-type stuff (like making phone calls and entering new member information into our records and taking notes at discernment meetings), please let me know. Email me at pastor@seasidefamily.org or let me know on Sunday.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCES ...

No better time than right now to get started in a regular *small group Bible study* experience. Here are the ones going right now at Seaside:

Home Group happens on Thursday nights at my house, around 7 p.m. Right now we are doing an overview of the Bible. Email me for directions to the house at pastor@seasidefamily.org.

West End Community Bible Study (For ladies) meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Lami home. See Dianne for details on that one.

Men's Bible Study meets at the Matthews home on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Check with Bob Matthews for details.

Holy Yoga meets at 10:00 Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Jamaica Beach Gym. See Stephanie for details.

FAMILY MINISTRIES ...

God just keeps on bring kids our way, so we have a responsibility to touch them in ministry. Do you know of someone who is called to work with children and/or youth? Is it you?! Let me know where you have been called to serve and I'll help get you equipped to obey your Lord and follow your passion right here at Seaside!

RETREAT CENTER INFO ...

The Seaside Church Mission Outreach and Retreat Center at Jamaica Beach, on the West end of Galveston, has bunk/shower and kitchen facilities for groups of up to 60 available. This is a ministry of our church and operates on offerings only, in order to maintain the facility. Summers book up quickly, but we have the facility available all year. This is perfect for youth groups, camps, bible schools, special classes, and mission groups. This would also be a great place for a family reunion/retreat during Holidays and weekends throughout the year. Contact us now to reserve dates by email at babandamber@gmail.com or pastor@seasidefamily.org.

COMING "STUFF" ...

MARCH ...

1 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

2 - AA - 7 p.m.

3 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

4 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

6 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

ASH WEDNESDAY Ashes and Explanations Service - 6:30 p.m. (*Men's Bible Study meets here!*)

7 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.

8 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

9 - AA - 7 p.m.

10 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

11 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

11-15 - **SPRING BREAK**

13 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house

14 - **NO** Home Group Bible Study at PK's house

15 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

16 - **JAMAICA BEACH CRAFT FAIR FOOD SERVICE MINISTRY**

AA - 7 p.m.

17 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

18 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

20 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house

21 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.

22 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

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SEASIDE BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH ...

MARCH ...

1 - Doug Rapp

John Redmon

2 - Eric Fry

Janna Redmon

3 - Wolfgang Rupertus

4 - Garrett McLain

5 - Steve Feldman

7 - Mark Freeman

9 - Ed Jackson

10 - Nicole Barton

11 - Gordon Morse

12 - Teresa Whitaker

- 13 – Sam Criswell
Cheryl Bell
- 15 – Dennis Allen
Melissa Morgan
- 16 – Stephanie McCling
Mike Bell
Jeannette Young
- 17 – Maddie McDermott
- 21 – Camille Freeman
- 30 – Laverne Thomas
- 31 – Sharon Parker
Bill Lami

CHECK THIS OUT ...

The love Jesus was talking about is not the sloppy sentimentalism and hailstorm of emotions that pass as love today. Rather, this is a self-sacrificing kind of love that directs itself toward the good of another.

From: New Christian's Handbook by Max Anders

PASTORAL PRAYER: Father, help us as husbands to get a better handle on loving our wives. And help us – and our wives – to understand what you mean by submitting. In Jesus name. Amen.

I love you, Family!

Pastor Kelley