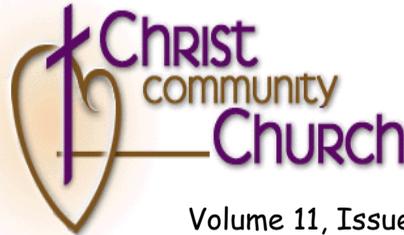


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A heart for God and you

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the Pulse:
Thoughts from the Heart.

by: Pastor Zach Marino

You know, I don't have a lot of marriage experience underneath my belt. Let me define "not a lot," about a year's worth!

Yes, coming up on April 28th I will have been joyfully married to my bride Celeste for one full year. It's been an amazing journey thus far and as I'm typing this, I just finished putting down our little man, Eli, who was born to us on February 8th, 2013. Yup, things are moving fast for us..maybe a little faster than we were expecting, but God is good! Even in the midst of all this change, something has stuck with me that I've found refreshing and helpful and I want to pass it on to you (if applicable).

Whether you are married now, engaged, dating, thinking about how to have a relationship with the opposite sex, etc., there's something my brother-in-law (Jarrod Norvold) told me that will forever stick in my brain: **You are on the same team.** Or, to put it another way, "*Stand with your spouse instead of against them.*" Life is so much more fulfilling when you can rely on your spouse to be there for you, having your best interests in mind. That means not only does your spouse have to choose to love you unconditionally or "no matter what," but you have to choose to love your spouse in the same way. It's easy to expect unconditional love but extremely challenging to always give it. To be on the same team means rallying around a common goal. I know for my wife and I we absolutely love to give and one specific common goal is to have our house open to anyone who needs a place to stay, people to talk with, a shelter from an abusive situation or just a hot meal and fellowship, we want to extend that hospitality to people. It's such a joy to operate on that same frequency with her! But, to build that team spirit, that trust, that sacrifice, it takes an everyday commitment to put their needs ahead of your own. You need to make sure the dam of self-service is constantly demolished so the rivers of grace are free to wash over your marriage!

So, we have a long ways to go obviously. But, we are working on being a team, allowing grace to be the center of our relationship so we may not just serve each other, but others around us and ultimately, our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who enables us to live selfless everyday because of the selflessness he showed 2,000 years ago by hanging on a cross and rising from the dead, to save me and you who, let's be honest, are some of the most selfish people we know. Let the grace of Christ abound so others may experience what a true team looks like and so the power of true love will be delivered in grace.

In Grace, standing with my bride,
Pastor Zach

Our Summer Worship Schedule (one service at 9:30am) will begin Sunday, May 26th and continue through September 1st.

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As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.

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