♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, June 21, 2009

"MARRIAGE RENEWAL"

(Hebrews 13:1-6)

Marriage is hard work. If God has called you into marriage then have a great marriage. If you think you might be led toward marriage someday, you need to know what it involves. If you are living in our society then you have contact with someone who is struggling in their marriage today and God can use you to encourage them forward. Marriage is God's idea and it works well – God's way. Let's look at God's way.

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| 6. A great relationship requires _ (v. 6). | |
| 5. A great relationship requires _ (v. 5). | |
| 4. A great relationship requires _ (v. 4). | |
| 3. A great relationship requires (v. 3). | |
| 2. A great relationship requires (v. 2). | |
| 1. A great relationship requires _ (v. 1). | |

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1. A great relationship requires persevering love (v. 1).

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10, NIV).

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8, NIV).

2. A great relationship requires proactive caring (v. 2).

3. A great relationship requires patient kindness (v. 3).

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'" (Matthew 25:44-45, NIV).

4. A great relationship requires <u>pure commitment</u> (v. 4).

5. A great relationship requires practical security (v. 5).

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Timothy 6:10, NIV).

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Philippians 4:11, NIV).

6. A great relationship requires a powerful Partner (v. 6).