

Lasting Love The Power of Pulling Together

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Fellowship: Being in the same _____ together.

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Pulling together takes _____ strength.

- I have _____ from being united with Christ.
- I have _____ from the being loved by Christ.
- I share in the _____.
- God shows me _____ and _____.

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Pulling together takes a _____ mindset.

- We will be _____-minded.
- We have the _____ love.
- We are _____ in spirit.

³ Do nothing out of **selfish ambition or vain conceit**. Rather, in **humility** value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the **interests of the others**. **Philippians 2:3-4, NIV**

Lasting Love is not possible when individuals are pulling apart - pursuing their own _____ agendas. _____ is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself _____.

From “*The Lies Couples Believe*”

Lie #3: “My spouse is a bigger mess than I am.”

Lie #5: “Our marital problems are all my spouse’s fault”

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In our relationships God is not asking for any more _____ us than what has already been given _____ us.

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⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:5-11, NIV**

Jesus’ Lasting Love is best seen by his _____ and willingness to _____ to pay for our sin.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus has given me comfort and courage and lasting love. I will pull together with other Christ followers to