

# RE-MODELING

## STAYING IN LOVE, PART 2

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Review of last week:

- *“Falling in love requires a pulse. Staying in love requires a plan.”*
- The first requirement for staying in love is, Make love a verb!

### To Stay In Love

1. Value the other above \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves.*

Philippians 2:3

- Act as if your partner is actually of greater value than you.

2. Focus on the interests of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Philippians 2:4

3. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ set for you.

*In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

Philippians 2:5-8

### Christ's Dilemma:

He could maintain his rights and insist on the rights and respect that he deserved,

Or

He could subordinate his rank, rights, and respect to your need for a Savior... paving the way for a relationship with you.

- Christ's desire to enter into a relationship with you took precedence over his own rights, rank, and respect.
- He could not have it both ways. He could not get what he deserved and get a relationship with you.
- Neither can you or I.

A \_\_\_\_\_ Dilemma

We can win arguments, prove our points, have our way, and destroy our relationships,

Or

We can choose to prioritize our partners and subordinate our rank, rights, and respect... paving the way for relationship.

- To refuse to submit is to demand for ourselves more than Christ demanded for himself.
- To refuse to submit to one another shows ingratitude to Christ.

Conclusion

- Imagine a marriage where husbands and wives mutually submit, where the relationship comes before personal rights.
- This kind of humility is a powerful thing. There is no defense against it.
- Therefore, in humility of mind, out of reverence for Christ, consider others better than yourself.