PAUL’S MARRIAGE SEMINAR: TO MARRY OR NOT MARRY
1 Corinthians 7:1–7

1. The Underlying

1 Corinthians 7:1

2. The Answer to the

1 Corinthians 7:2–6

3. The Answer to the

1 Corinthians 7:7

Application:
For Your Family:

In our passage this week, Paul is talking about the marriage relationship. In verse 4, he makes a strong statement: “For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.” Last week we learned that our bodies belong to God. This week we learn that they belong to our spouse, if we are married. They are not our own; they were bought with a price. They are to be used to serve others, not ourselves.

One of the chief concepts that children must learn over time is to be other-centered. It is a difficult concept, and many adults still struggle with it.

Read Philippians 2:3-8

Talk about the humility of Jesus. He had the right to be demanding, bossy, and to be served by everyone. He chose to be humble, serving, and to look out for other people.

Explain how humility means to use your strength to serve others, instead of yourself.

Give some examples of how you use your strengths to serve your family.

Talk about the strengths each of your children have, and how they can be used to serve others in the family. Be specific.

Talk about why it is not good to be bossy and demanding.

Talk about how important it is to not just think about yourself, but to think about others as well.

Pray together about how thankful you are that Jesus loved us and served us with great humility, service and sacrifice. Ask God to help us follow his example.

Memory Verse: Don’t be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourself. (Philippians 2:3-4 CEV)