

# The FOUR LAWS of LOVE

## Demystifying Marriage Jimmy Evans

**Focus** As God designed it, marriage is the safest relationship on earth. When we do marriage God's way, we are guaranteed success. Prioritized communication is essential in a healthy marriage.

**Fun** What is the best vacation you have ever taken and why?

**Review** Key Scriptures: Genesis 2:20–25

### 1. Demystifying Marriage

When God created marriage, He intended that it would be an intimate haven of lifelong love, passion, and oneness for a man and a woman. To ensure every couple would succeed, He spoke four laws of love into existence at the moment the first marriage came into existence. Covenant marriages promote security and well-being and are focused on the benefit of the other person.

### 2. The Four Laws of Love

The purpose of laws is to bring order, safety, and predictability. A world without laws would be chaos. The four laws of love create order, trust, and predictability in a marriage. They create, promote, and protect love in a marriage. When God's laws of love are honored, marriage is the safest relationship on earth.

### 3. The Law of Priority

God expects men to lead, and leadership is one of a woman's most important needs in marriage. Wives want their husbands to be the loving initiator of the well-being of home and marriage while treating them as equals. Both spouses must reprioritize their lives to make the marriage first place. Marriage only works

in first place. If it is second to anyone or anything else, it won't work. Allow your spouse to be honest, train your children to respect your marriage, and make time for each other.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Ask your married group members to set aside time this week for the following activity:

Write your spouse a love letter expressing to them how you desire to make marriage the first priority. List one specific way you wish to reprioritize your life for your marriage to flourish.

### Discuss

1. What are the top three priorities in your life? How do you treat your priorities differently?
2. Pastor Jimmy Evans said, "God designed marriage to operate as the most important human relationship in our lives." Do you agree with this statement, and how would this look in your everyday life?
3. How has your parents' example influenced your view of the laws of priority and partnership in marriage?
4. What did Pastor Jimmy Evans mean when he said, "We have to reprioritize our lives to have a healthy marriage"?
5. What are some things in life that tend to compete for your time, attention, and priority? How can you be vigilant about keeping boundaries on those things?
6. What are some ways you can reprioritize your relationship with your spouse above any other relationship or life pursuit?
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- God created marriage to be the safest relationship on earth.
- God designed the four laws of love to protect marriage.
- The law of priority means the marriage takes first place.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being such a good Father to us. Thank You for creating marriage to be the safest relationship on earth. Show us any area of our lives that is not in alignment with You. We ask that You open our eyes to how we

can prioritize our marriages daily. Give us wisdom to create a marriage that reflects Your perfect plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\***

Encourage your group members to set aside 30 to 60 minutes daily for personal communication with their spouses. Together, they can decide on a set time each day when they can share their hearts and have meaningful conversation.