

Session 4: Communication

Homework:

Read "Speaking Redemptively" by Paul David Tripp, *Journal of Biblical Counseling*, 16:3 (Spring 1998)

Read chapter 5 from *Love that Lasts*, "Grace to Those Who Hear"

Objective: Understand and be committed to pursuing effective communication that is redemptive in nature.

Scripture Study: 1 Corinthians 13

1. From this chapter, what skills, qualities, and attitudes are necessary for effective and loving communication?
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2. What part of verse 7 do you find the most difficult in your communication with your fiancée? Why?
3. What topics are difficult for you to talk about? Why?
4. Are you aware of anything you do or any habits you have that might hinder effective communication?

5. What gives us the ability to speak redemptively to each other?

6. To what extent is encouragement a prominent element in your communication with your fiancé? Are you frequently giving glory to God for His activity and grace in your lives? Where can this improve? What might explain deficiencies in this area?

Recommended Resources:

- “Relational Intimacy: The Goal of Our Communication,” chapter 4 from *Love that Lasts* by Gary & Betsy Ricucci
- “Watch Your Language” by E. Bradley Beevers, *Journal of Biblical Counseling*, 12:3 (Spring 1994)
- “Christian Communication” by Jeffery S. Forrey, *Journal of Biblical Counseling*, 16:2 (Winter 1998)
- *War of Words* by Paul Tripp