Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Wednesday night couple's groups Week 3 "From this day forward"

### FROM THIS DAY FORWARD–3 FIGHT FAIR

Married? Had a fight? Way to church? Pancake story

We got into a fight the other day. Amy came crawling...

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All couples fight: Healthy couples fight clean. Unhealthy fight dirty. Healthy work resolution. Unhealthy press for victory.

John Gottman studied marriage for 16 yrs. Watch couple fight 5 min, determine with 91% accuracy if divorce.

Not **if** they fight-**how** they fight!

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Seeking the 1-preparing for ur 2! Someone w/ long-term friendships.

A <u>quarrelsome wife</u> is like a constant <u>dripping</u> on a rainy day.

Prov 27:15

It is better to have severe <u>hemorrhoids</u> than to live with a husband who is a <u>jerk</u>. 2 Craig(Brady or Nick) 4:2

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- 1. SEEK GOD
- 2. FIGHT <u>FAIR</u>
- 3. HAVE <u>FUN</u>
- 4. STAY <u>PURE</u>
- 5. NEVER <u>GIVE</u> UP

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... Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. James 1:19-20

#### **GOD'S RULES FOR FIGHTING FAIR**

# • STOP TO LISTEN CAREFULLY.

...Everyone should be <u>quick to listen</u>. Ja 1:19

Engaged in text conversation—Amy told me—half listening.

A fool finds no pleasure in <u>understanding</u> but delights in airing his own opinions. Prov 18:2

I understand why you would feel this way. Repeat back what the person says.

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# • GUARD YOUR WORDS FAITHFULLY.

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak. Ja 1:19

Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble. Prov 21:23 NLT

#### Two questions to ask: Should it be said? Should it be said now?

Some things are better to discuss in non-conflict times. 3 way's I'm a blessing, 3 ways I can be a blessing

- Never call <u>names</u>.
- Never raise your <u>voice</u>.
- Never get <u>historical</u>.
- Never say <u>never</u> or <u>always</u>.

- Never threaten <u>divorce</u>.
- Never quote your <u>pastor</u> during a fight.