

SCREENPLAY

Scene 4: Paradise Found

Connect

Scott talked about “reverse chronology”, seeing the ending first and then telling the story. What’s your favorite movie that uses that technique? (*Inception, Forrest Gump, The Usual Suspects, Memento, The Prestige, etc*)

Grow

1. **Read Revelation 19:6 & 21:1-3.** Why is starting with a picture of the end helpful? Why is it significant that all of human history ends in a wedding, a union, and celebration?
2. Love is a decision that shows up in what we do. How did Jesus most clearly demonstrate his love for you?
3. Being vulnerable is key for any relationship to grow, but it also makes us capable of being hurt/wounded. How is marriage encourage vulnerability? Why, then, is it so hard for us to be vulnerable with our spouse?
4. Jesus demonstrated his love by taking responsibility. Do you agree with the phrase “Something doesn’t have to be my fault to be my responsibility”? Share some examples where that may be true in your life right now.
5. Read **Ephesians 5:28-33**
 - a. Husbands are called to provide and protect - Are you actively showing that to your family or passively letting things happen?
 - b. Wives are called to respond with respect - Are you your husband’s biggest encourager and supporter? How do speak of him in the home? In public?

Screenplay Bonus Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtxOHi7CM5E&feature=youtu.be> (4mins)

6. **Romans 5:8** reminds us that we are all given something we don’t deserve. How does this truth help us give love and respect even when the other person doesn’t deserve it?
7. The old couple on the dance floor has seen all the holidays and birthdays, anniversaries and memories. All the pain, all the sadness, all the conflict, the babies born and the babies lost, funerals and hospitals. Why does “going through the fire” unite a couple in such a strong way? How does that tell the right story?

Pray

Pray with your spouse about what you learned through this sermon. Be vulnerable and encouraging with one another. Ask God to help your marriage reflect the story of God’s love to your friends, family, and the watching world.

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If you're married and you need someone to help you process all this difficult stuff, there is absolutely no shame in that. If you're single, divorced, or widowed and you recognize you have some stuff to work through, we're here for you too. Contact our [Care Team](#) for the wisdom and godly counseling you need.