

A black and white photograph of two wedding rings. One ring is lying flat on a dark, reflective surface, while the other is propped up against it, creating a sense of depth. The rings are simple, thin bands. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient. The text 'MARRIAGE RENEWAL' is centered over the rings, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

# MARRIAGE RENEWAL





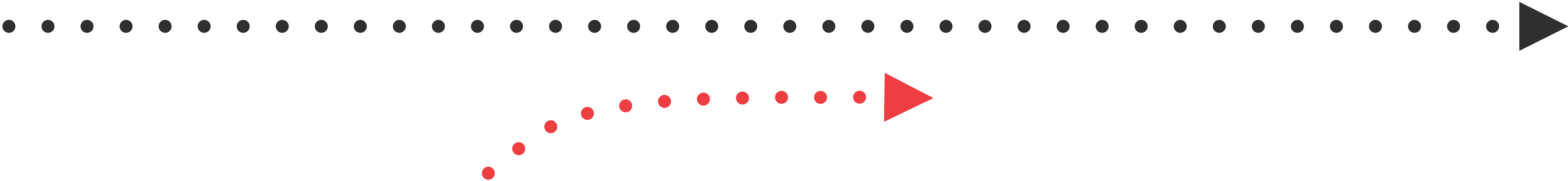
The Path



**"Within this Christian vision of marriage, here's what it means to fall in love. It is to look at another person and get a glimpse of what God is creating, and to say, 'I see who God is making you, and it excites me! I want to be part of that. I want to **partner** with you and God in the journey you are taking to his throne. And when we get there, I will look at your magnificence and say, 'I always knew you could be like this. I got glimpses of it on earth, but now look at you!'"**

**"Friendship is a deep oneness that develops as two people, speaking the truth in love to each other, journey together to the same horizon. Spiritual friendship is the greatest journey of all, because the horizon is so high and far, yet sure – it is nothing less than "the day of Jesus Christ" and what we will be like when we finally see him face to face...What, then, is [friendship] for? It is for helping each other to become our future glory-selves, the new creations that God will eventually make us." - Tim Keller**








- ☐ **"How is the "Holy Spirit at work" in my spouse and how can I join him in His work?**
- ☐ **What does more "glory" look like for my spouse and how does Jesus want to use me in his mighty work?**
- ☐ **How might Jesus use me to help my spouse to enjoy the beauty of the Gospel and rest in His lavish love?**





How Does Jesus Want You To  
Radically Love Your Spouse?



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# BIBLICAL CONCPET

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**"Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."**



**"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."**



**"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."**



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# WHAT IS GETTING IN THE WAY?

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# WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?

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**"The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." - Zephaniah 3:17**



**"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble' ... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. - James 4:6,10**

**"For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, 'In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.'" - Isaiah 30:15**



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# THE QUESTION

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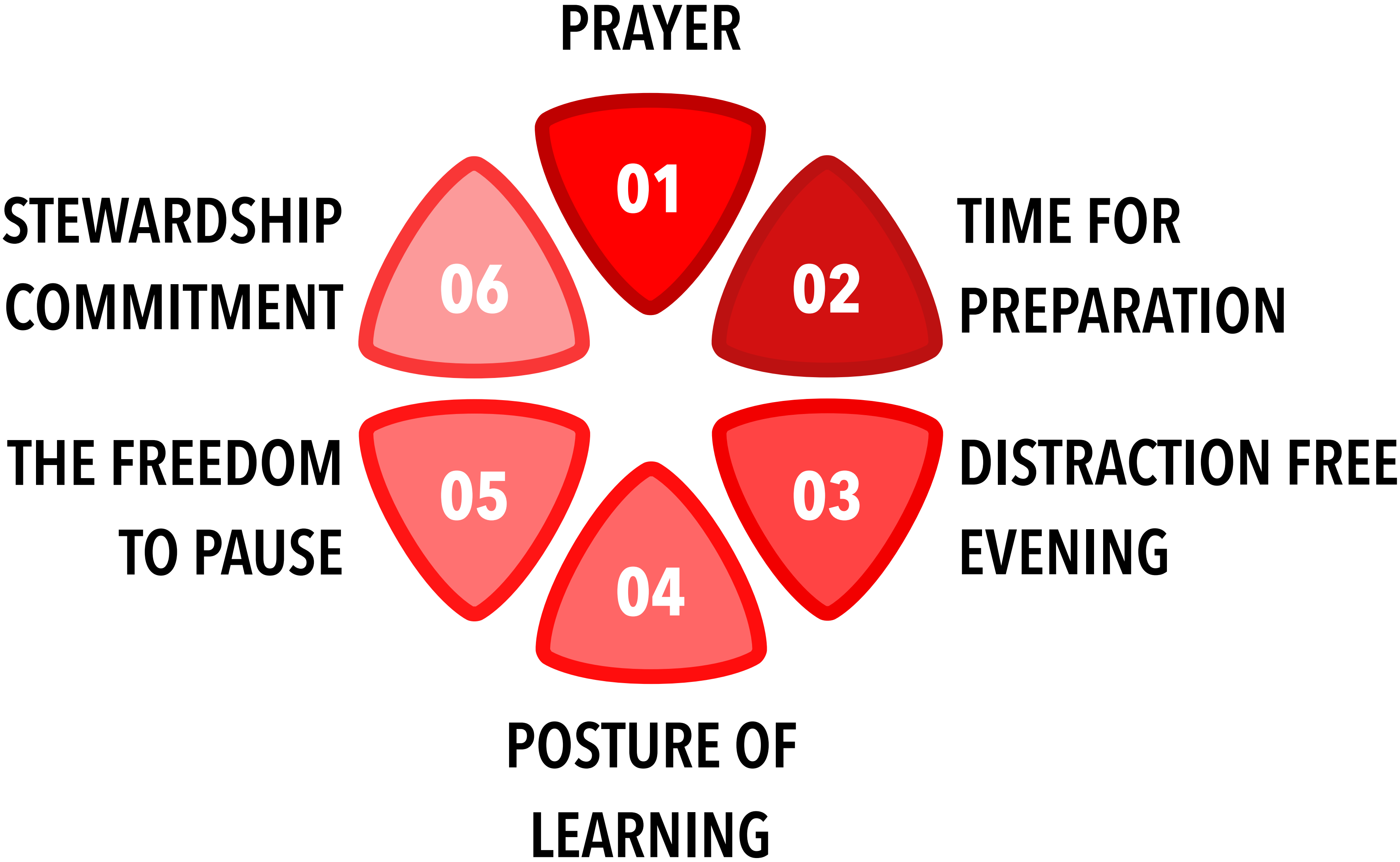
A photograph of a forest floor covered in green moss and fallen leaves. A narrow dirt path leads into the distance between tall, dark tree trunks. The lighting is soft and dappled, creating a serene and slightly mysterious atmosphere. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text 'What Is It Like For You To Be Married To Me?' in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is split into two lines, with a thin white horizontal line above the first line and another below the second line.

What Is It Like For You  
To Be Married To Me?

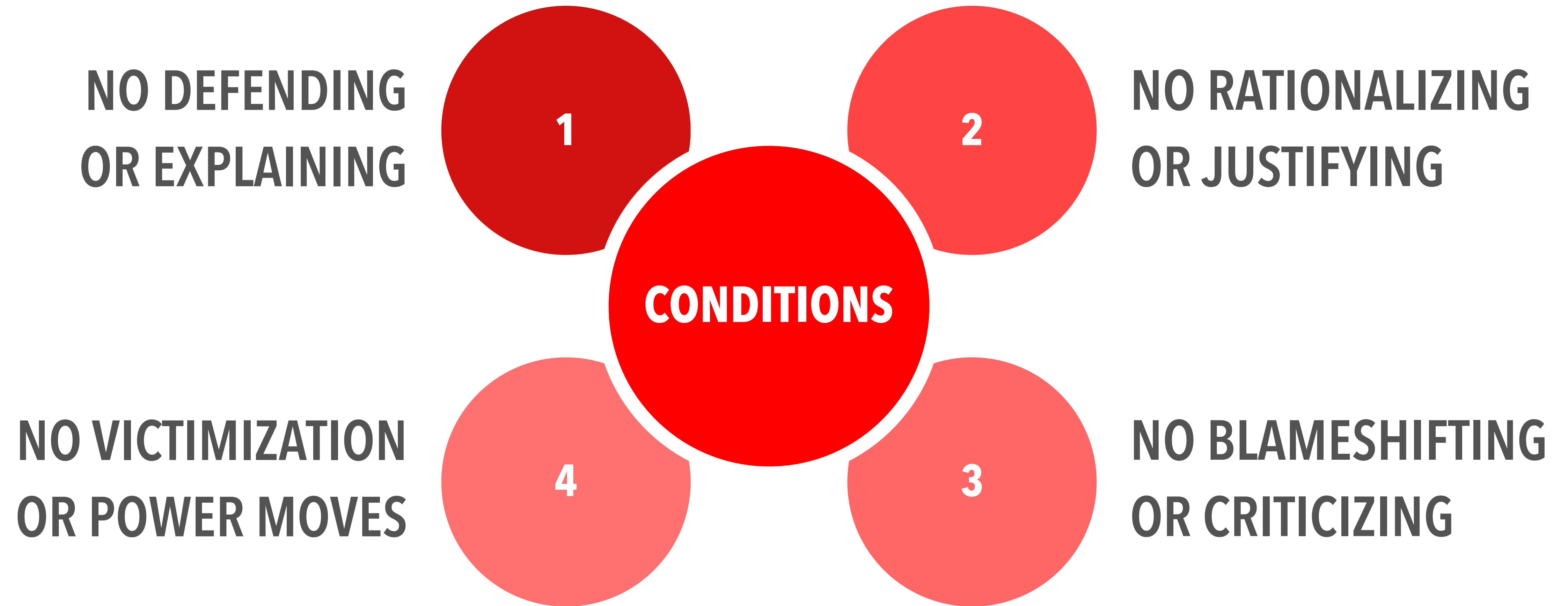


**"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it *his* not arrogant ... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." -  
1Corinthians 13:4,7**













Who Goes First?





Process





Time





Journey





Friendship



**PRAYER**



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# TWO MORE QUESTIONS

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# How Is The Holy Spirit at Work In My Life & How Can I Join Him?

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What Sin, Idolatry, & Blind Spots Plague  
Me & Work Against My Ability To Enjoy  
Jesus & Join Him On Mission?



- ▶ Set-up A Distraction Free Evening For The Discussion
- ▶ Let Your Spouse Know What Questions You Are Answering For Yourself
- ▶ Ask Your Spouse To Be thinking About These questions for You & To Write Down Some Thoughts
- ▶ Acknowledge How Much You need Your Spouse to Speak into Your Life
- ▶ Ask Your Spouse To Pray For You



- ▶ Share Your Insights For Both Questions
- ▶ Ask Your Spouse For Honest Input On What You Had To Say
- ▶ Ask Your Spouse To Share Any Additional Thoughts (Written Notes)
- ▶ Ask Additional Questions Like: "What Did I Miss?" Or "What Would You Like To Add"?
- ▶ Try To Understand Your Spouses Insights & Take Notes
- ▶ Be Exhaustive ... Go Down Any Specific Path Your Spouse Wants To Explore
- ▶ Express Your Gratitude
- ▶ Let This Lead To A Robust Conversation & Repentance
- ▶ Plan For Any Needed Follow-Up Conversations
- ▶ End In Prayer





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# NEW POSTURES

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**REPENTANCE**

**LOSING**

**PRAYER**

**WAITING**

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