



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 27th

Pastors & Wives

Sermon Discussion Guide

Week 3-Wrestling with Conflict
Series-"Marriage by Design"

Recap the Highlights:

- **Fight your selfishness, not your spouse.**

James 4:1 (NCV) Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you.

- **Fight for reconciliation, not retaliation.**

1 Peter 2:21-23 (NIV) To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

- **Fight to win the marriage, not the argument.**

Now Dig Deeper:

1. Think of a time that you had to pause and let the Lord work out your conflict for the sake of the relationship. How did that change the way you view your relationship?
2. Look up 1 Corinthians 13. Discuss how this Scripture points us to God's Truth and Love. How is this our guide to overcome conflict?

Respond:

- From the First Wednesday panel we learned the action steps below to help us deal with conflict in our relationships. Discuss how they serve as a healthy outline for wrestling with conflict God's way.
- **Make time for a date night and really seek to learn more about one another!**



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Action Steps:

- 1. Pray for them, not about them.**
- 2. Trust what God says, not what you see.**
- 3. Prioritize your calling over your comfort.**

Prayer:

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to see and hear about Your design for a biblical marriage through the conversations by our Pastors and their wives. Thank you that we get to look to Your Word to teach us to want the things you have called us to in our relationships. Show us, Father, the areas we can grow to overcome our selfish desires and draw upon Your grace. Give us Your words and Your heart to respond in love in Jesus name. Amen.”