## Weave: How To Become One With Your Spouse Our Best Year Yet Pt. 4

## **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What did you learn about communication and conflict from the people who raised you?
- 2. What do we learn about good communication and bad communication from Genesis 3?
- 3. Review the 4 steps for weaving. Which step is most easy to engage in? Which one is most difficult? Why?
- 4. Read Colossians 3:13. How have you applied this in your life?
- 5. Do you have future plans to create time and space for weaving? Why or why not?

A marriage is only as good as the couple's ability to **FIGHT**.

After you leave, you must WEAVE.

**Genesis 2:24–25** That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is **united** to his wife, and they become one flesh. **25** Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:8-13 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

Good talk explores reality, bad talk **DISTORTS** it.

Good talk opens up about our differences, bad talk **HIDES** behind them.

Good talk pursues truth, bad talk **BLAMES**.

"Too often we assume that after a few years of marriage that we know our spouses; we think we have explored their hearts and mapped all the territory. Nothing could be more untrue and more destructive of glory. One's spouse is a mystery—a terrain that each year will reveal more depth and beauty than could have been imagined when we walked out of the church as husband and wife." Dan Allender

**QUESTION:** How do two people weave?

## 4 Ways To Weave:

- 1. <u>TIME</u>
- 2. STORY

The intertwining of stories past and present brings the deepest sense of closeness we will feel with another human being. If we deprive one another of significant stories, then we also keep our souls from being woven together. Dan Allender

- 3. DREAMS
- 4. <u>RISK</u>

**Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12** Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

I'm not your enemy.

**HW:** Share an untold **STORY** with your spouse.