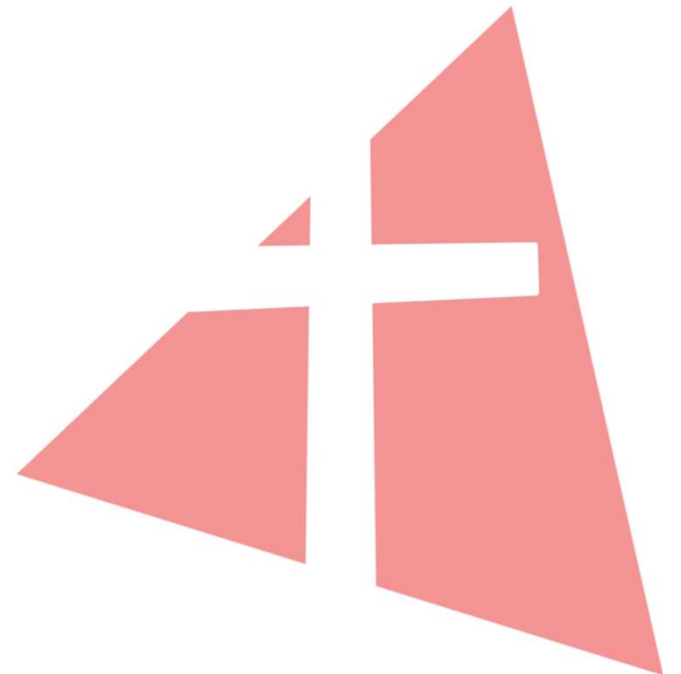


THE BIBLE ON FAMILY: THE BASICS

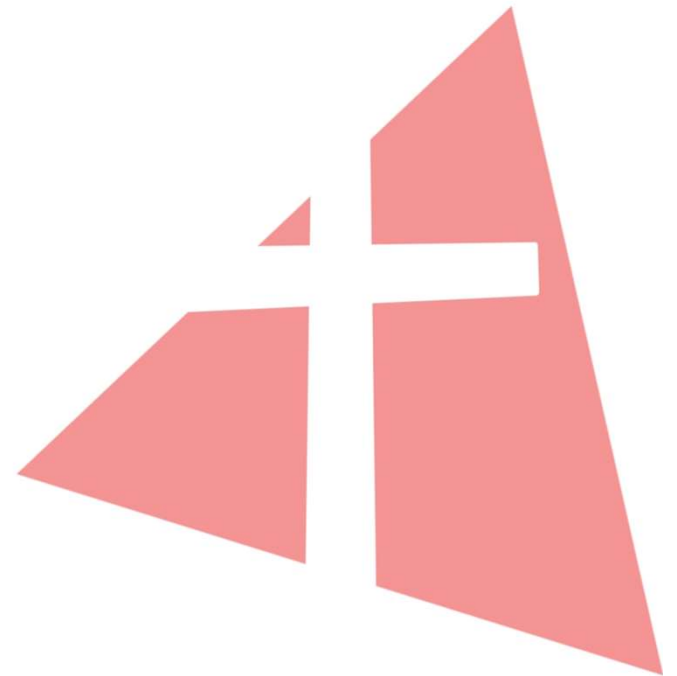
Relationships & Family Series

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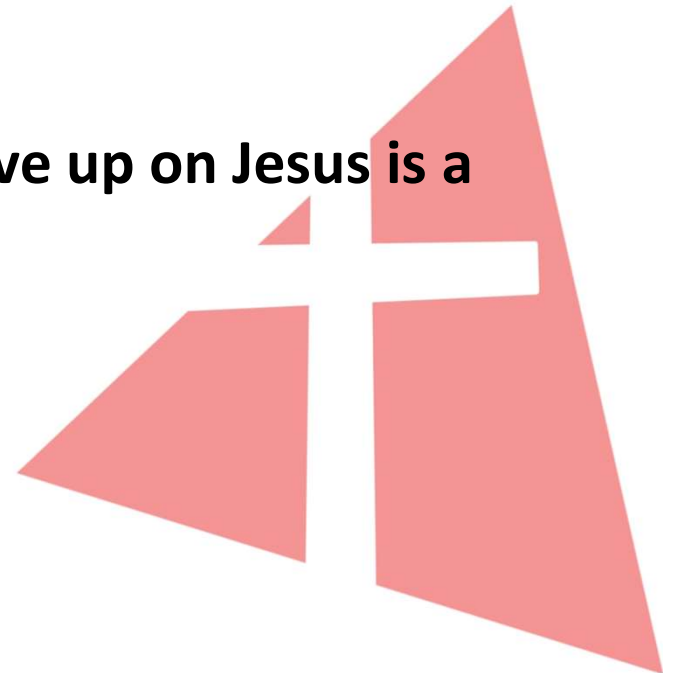
STATUS QUO

- **Some statistics about the EU/worldwide**



FROM EXPERIENCE

- **There are many reasons why people never choose to follow Jesus in the first place**
- **The main reason why “former Christians” gave up on Jesus is a romantic relationship**



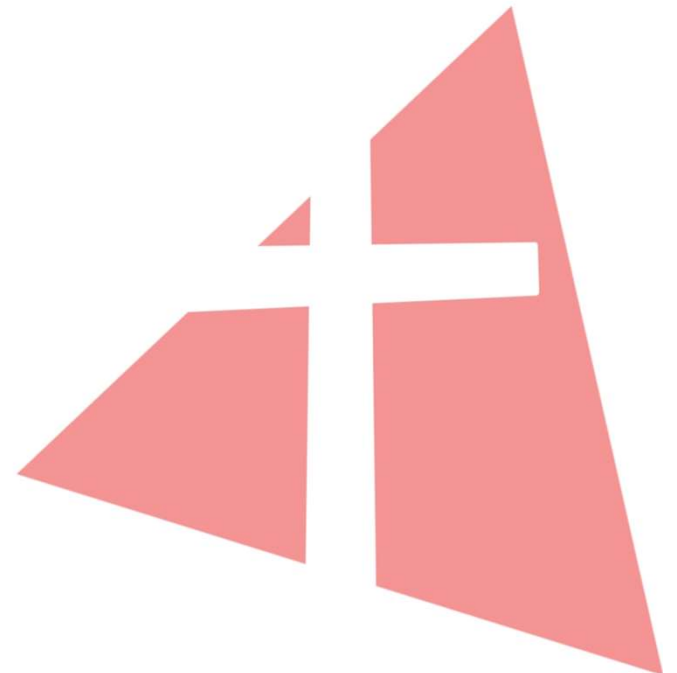
OUR CONVICTION

- **The whole world will be completely transformed, if we embrace Biblical Principles concerning love, dating, marriage and sex**



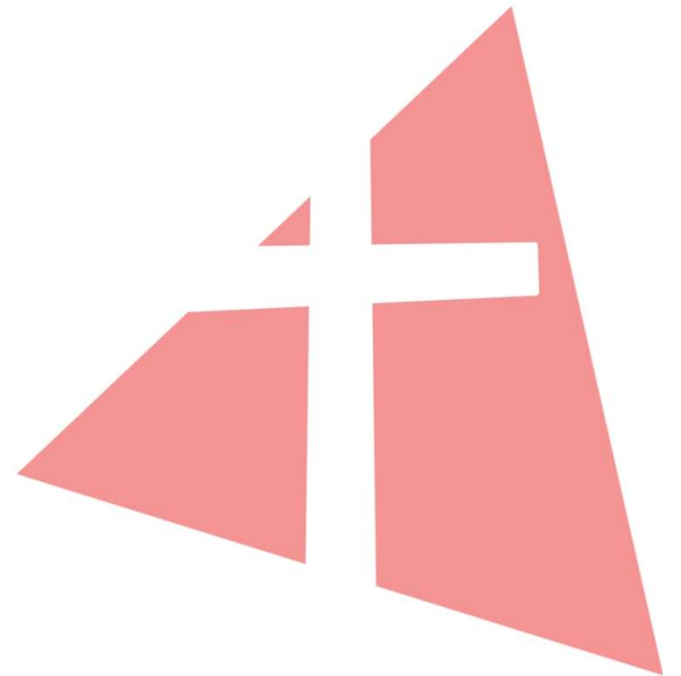
TOPICS IN THIS SERIES

- **Single Life**
- **Dating**
- **Marriage**
- **Parenting**
- **Parents/In-laws**
- **Healthy men-/women friendships**
- **Sex**
- **Forgiveness**
- **...**



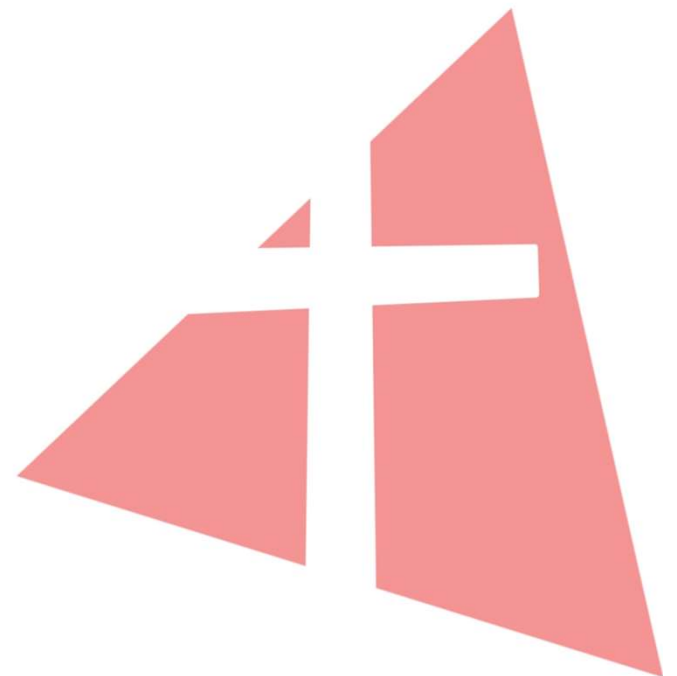
THE BASICS

- **What is marriage?**



THE BASICS

- **Why marriage?**
 - For the glory of God



THE BASICS

○ Why marriage?

- A reflection of Christ's relationship with the church

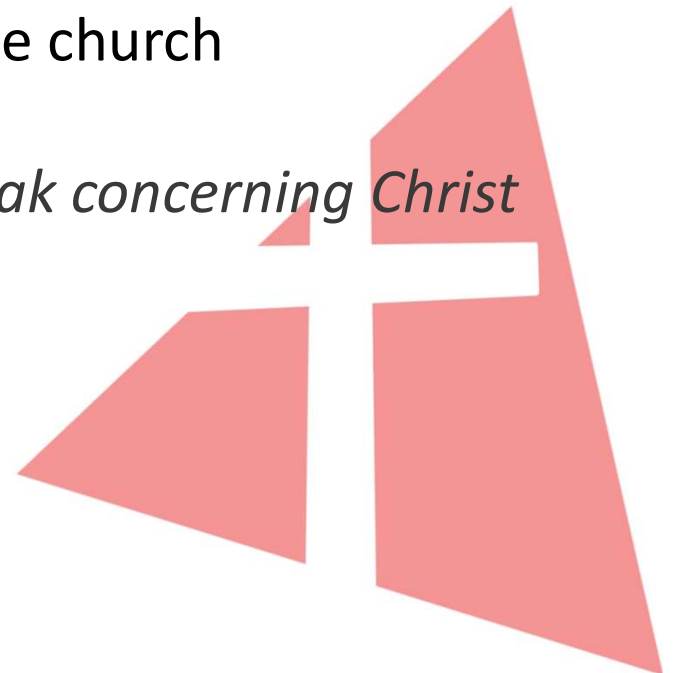
Ephesians 5:22-28 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself.

THE BASICS

- **Why marriage?**

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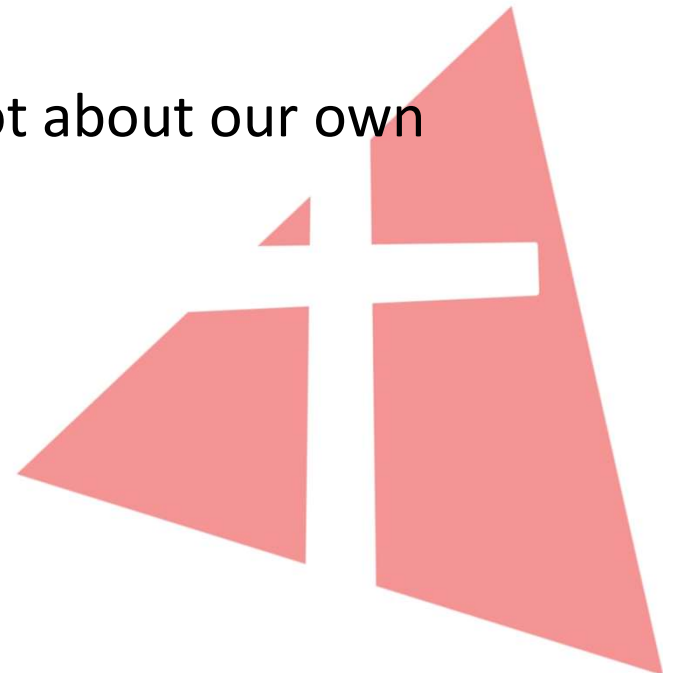
Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.



THE BASICS

- **Why marriage?**

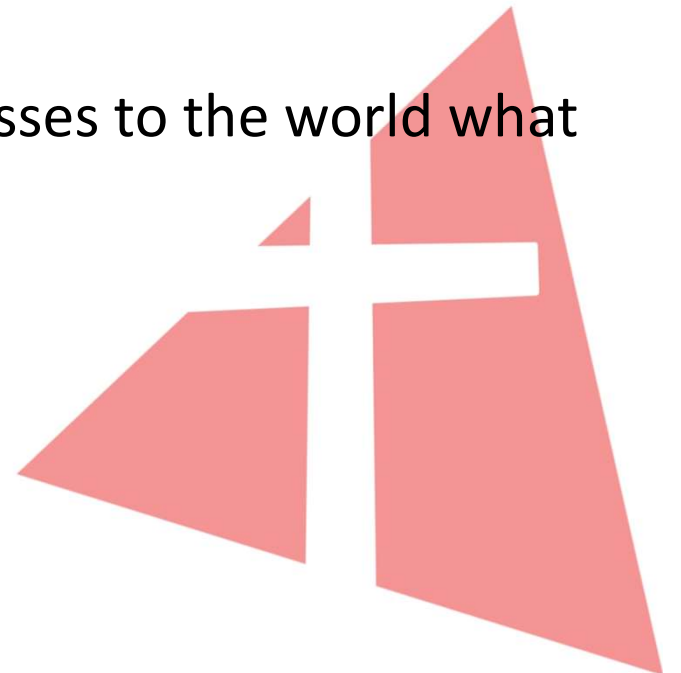
- Through marriage/family we can learn a lot about our own relationship with God



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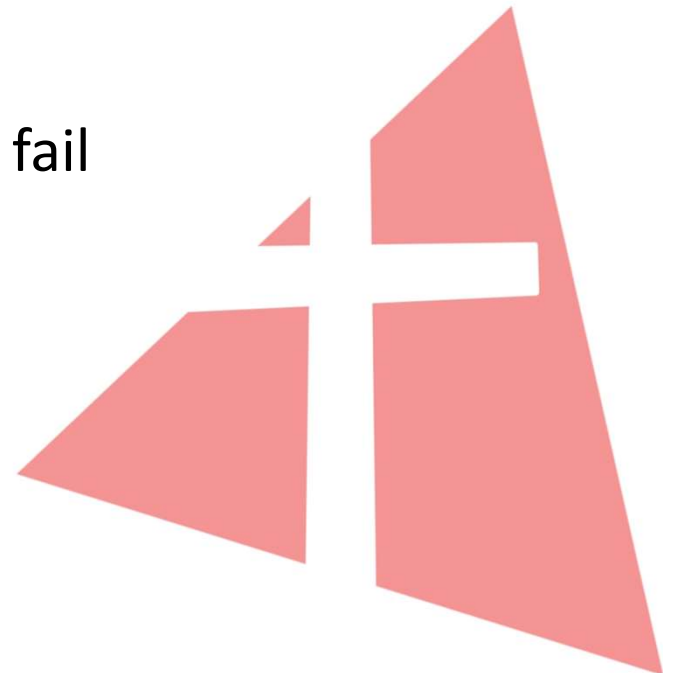
- **Why marriage?**

- Through marriage/family we can be witnesses to the world what difference a life with Jesus can make



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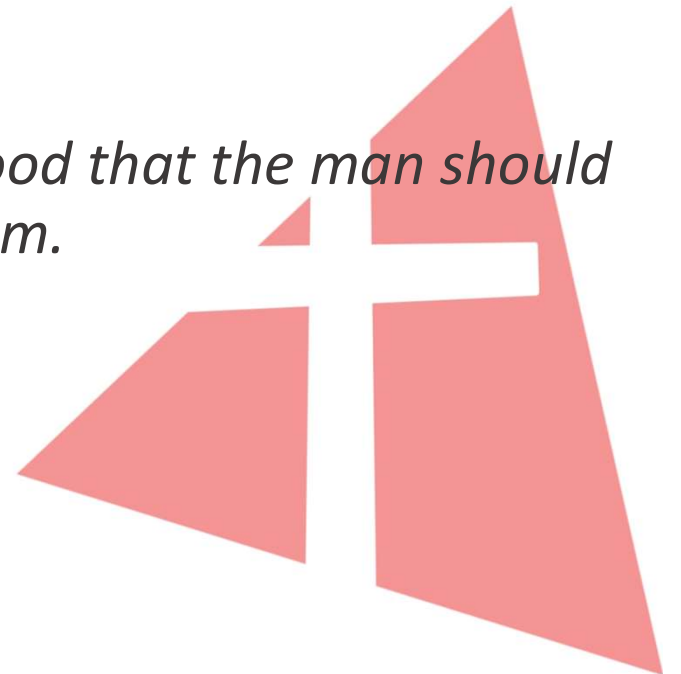
- **Our feelings are not a purpose, but a gift**
 - Marriages based on feelings nearly always fail



THE BASICS

- **The first marriage**

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.



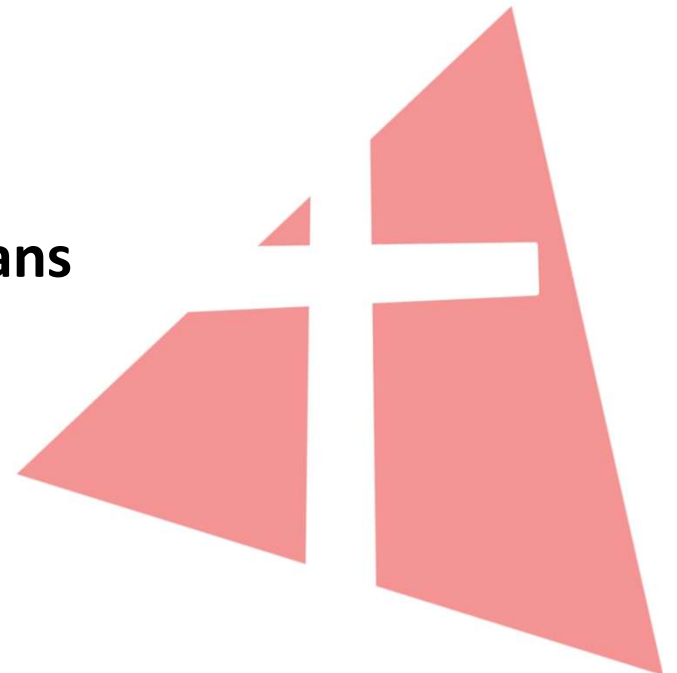
THE BASICS

- **God's design: Marriages grow deeper and deeper over time, and become more and more fulfilling**



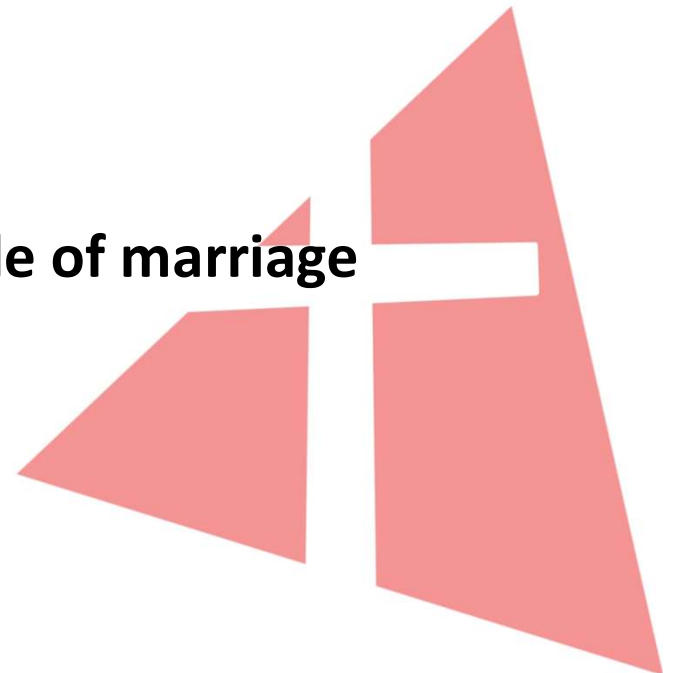
THE BASICS

- If we acknowledge that God is the purpose of marriage, then it makes sense that ...
- ... Christians should only marry other Christians



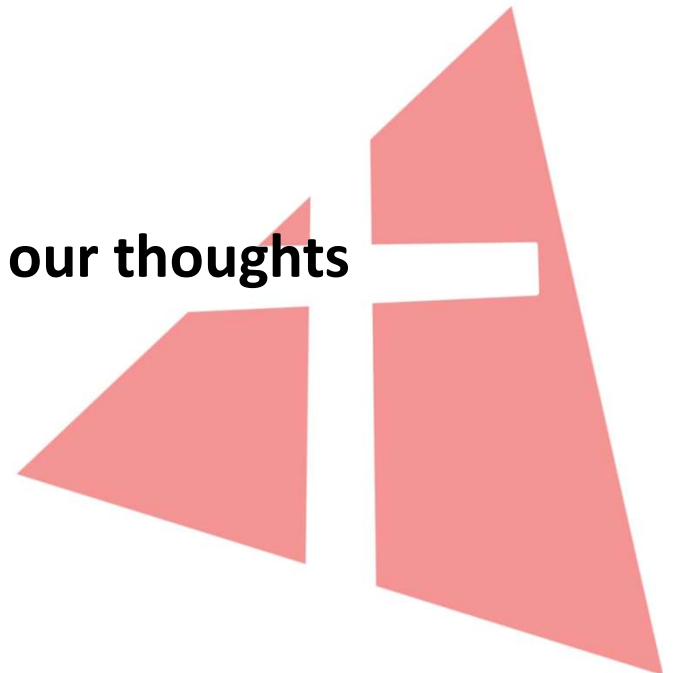
THE BASICS

- If we acknowledge that God is the purpose of marriage, then it makes sense that ...
- ... we should not have sexual intimacy outside of marriage



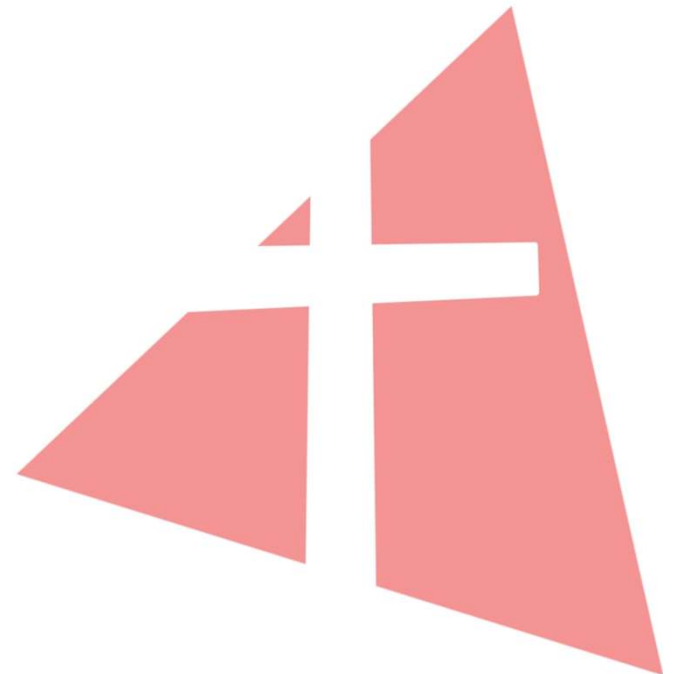
THE BASICS

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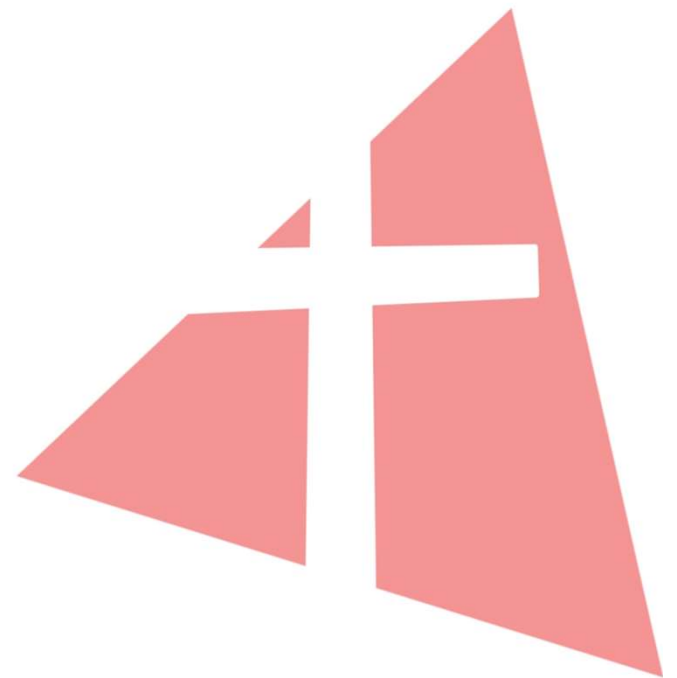
PARENTING

- **Reflecting to our children who God is**
 - Lifestyle
 - Priorities
 - Teaching
 - ...



PRIORITIES

- **God**
- **Spouse**
- **Children**
- **Work**
- **Everything else (incl. church)**




PRIORITIES

- **Mixing up our priorities will seriously harm every aspect of our lives**



IN CONCLUSION

- **What most people practice today is completely opposed to what the Bible says about marriage and family**
 - **“Worldly marriages” might give us some “fun” for the moment, but won’t come anywhere close to what God has designed for us**
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IN CONCLUSION

- **Our vision: Marriages and families in Aletheia will bring glory to God**
 - Healthy marriages
 - Raising Godly children
 - Set an example to the world around us
- **Do you want to bring glory to God with your (future) marriage?**

