

**Series: *Tuning Up Family Life, #4***

**Message Summary:** How Married life requires us to learn how to navigate the differences that exist between two people. AND...great are the differences. There are simply differences in the genders – differences in our backgrounds – differences in our upbringing – differences in our personalities – differences in how we give and receive love. It is impossible to improve your marriage without understanding these differences. We must be able to alter our behavior based upon the different needs of our spouse. This is what a successful marriage simply requires. These differences show up early in married life.

## **The Wife Your Husband Needs**

### **1. Your husband needs your respect - Ephesians 5:33**

- **Reject the lie that men do not understand relationships.**
- **Ask your husband what communicates respect to him.**
- **Become a learner.**

### **2. Your husband needs your affirmation - Proverbs 10:21**

- **Believe in him.**
- **Discover areas to affirm.**
- **Apologize for any cutting remarks.**
- **Pray every day about your words.**

### **3. Your husband needs your presence - Proverbs 17:27**

- **Make having fun together a priority.**
- **Discuss what shared experiences you can enjoy together.**
- **Do it.**
- **Don't talk too much.**

### **4. Your husband needs your self-control - Proverbs 25:28**

- **S–Shut it**
- **T–Time it**
- **O – Observe it**
- **P – Pray it**

**LifeGroup Questions:** *All LifeGroups Begin this Week*

**BEGIN IT** – (5min) Praise song and opening prayer.

**OPEN IT-** (10min) Share two experiences you observed in your parents' marriage.

**EXPLORE IT-** (60min) Follow Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. If married - What differences in marriage have you overcome?
2. What does **respect** look like to your husband? Discuss respect and the different ways people feel and experience respect.
3. Discuss what **affirmation** is and why it has so much power in relationships. Discuss the practical way to show affirmation.
4. Why is there power in **presence**? Why is having fun together such an important marriage principal? What are you doing in your marriage to have fun?
5. Discuss the importance of **self-control** in marriage. How can practicing the acronym STOP help with self-control?

**APPLY IT-** (15min) What is **one change** you are going to begin working on in your marriage or individual relationships?