

What Happened to T&M's Marriage After HS Intervened in 1991

In last week's message entitled *Different Commands Rewarded With One Promise in Marriage* based on Ephesians 5:21-33 I shared: "When *Yah Adonai* joins a man and a woman together in marriage, He gave two different commands with one and the same promise as a reward for each keeping their command. He told husbands to *love their wives*, and He told wives to *honor or respect their husbands*. Sometimes men think that it would have been easier if He gave a straightforward command: *for the wives to be submissive and for the husbands to make sure that they stayed submissive*. But wives using the same line of reasoning would argue that the command should have been *for husbands to love them and for them to make sure that their husbands love them, and every time you fail, they are to tell you that you've failed*. But He gave us two different commands that on the surface seem to have very little relationship with each other. Husbands are *to love* and wives are to *honor and respect*. When I appear before the *Judgment Seat of the Messiah*, and I have to give an account for everything I have done in the flesh, whether good or bad, my wife will have to wait outside, because the command to love her was given to me and I have to give an account for that command. And when she goes in to give an account of how submissive she was, the Lord will say, *Tony, you wait outside*. Because whether or not your wife was submissive is none of your business. Similarly is none of your business wives whether or not your husband loved you. What do I mean by this? Because one of the most destructive fights between a husband and a wife are when a husband picks up a passage that was written for wives and *reads out loud in anger* to his wife (or *vice-versa*). He might say: *look what the Bible says!* Husbands; the Bible says that to your wife, not to you. So sit tight and stay put. She has to deal with that passage. Why is that? Very simple; God gave us two different commands, but they have the same promise. In *Ephesians* it says that we are to love our wives the same way the *Messiah loves the Congregation*. If we love our wives, the same thing will happen to our wives that is happening to the *Body of Messiah*: the spots and the wrinkles are going to be removed."

We thought it would be edifying if we shared what happened in our marriage (really in our lives) after we implemented the things I discussed in last week's message. Marilyn shared a message with Kol Simcha on March 3, 1991 and she has her notes on what we said on that service nearly 34 years ago. For context, here is what Marilyn said in her June 5, 2021 Message entitled 'Murmuring and Complaining Or Victory and Reigning': "On January 7, 1991, I had been whining and muttering discontentedly about how things were not happening in our home (work, etc.) according to MY EXPECTATIONS. At 5:00 p.m. the Lord spoke by His Spirit and said to me: "Honor your husband before ME, CONTINUALLY, WITHOUT, MURMURING and COMPLAINING."

- Marilyn shares and provides context on what happened and what steps of action she took
- Marilyn reads Tony's list from 3/3/1991 (just two months) of things that were different
- Marilyn shares things that were also different for her

We may end by offering to pray for anyone desiring His results