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THURSDAY BLOG

Expectations for Relationships

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I have a fall wedding on my 2026 calendar. Several more weddings are planned next Spring and summer. Weddings are hands down, my most enjoyable type of ministry and service I share with family and friends. I've officiated many weddings in Texas and Kentucky during the last forty five years.



Each wedding is unique. Some are large and filled with months of planning. Others are more intimate and only close family and friends can attend. I've performed weddings in beautiful venues, indoors and outdoors, in all types of the weather. All of them have one thing in common: People are normally extremely happy and excited at weddings.

I like weddings. The hard part for everyone is getting ready for weddings. Parents, families, and engaged couples invest lots of time, money and effort ensuring everything is perfect. The same is true for ministers/pastors performing the ceremony. They also want everything to be a forever memorable moment for the family. We are better together.

If I've performed your wedding in the past—It has been my pleasure and honor to be invited along. What a special ministry memory—sharing the joy and love found in marriage between a man and woman— before God with all His blessings. All my weddings have One Rule.

When you ask me if I would officiate your wedding, I respond, “Are you willing to do pre-marital counseling with me?” I have stuck to this One Rule for every wedding. My children and their families, every church family, every friend and acquaintance — I require every couple to let me schedule some helpful counseling before the wedding.

What I've discovered through the years most couples are eager to deepen communication skills before marriage. I have five sessions we spread out over several weeks. This format with counseling for better conversations before AND after marriage always seems to work.

This weekend at Journey Community Christian Church, we're beginning a short four week series called THE STORY OF EVERYTHING. We will do an overview of the entire Bible. We have four main Bible topics to consider:

- 1) The Story of GOD
- 2) The Story of SIN
- 3) The Story of JESUS
- 4) The Story of the CHURCH.

One of the vital questions we'll ask in this short series is this: “What are MY personal expectations of MY relationship with God?” Join us and journey through portions of the Bible. Let's discover how OUR relationship with God works best. Invite a curious friend to join us.

See you inside Journey Sat@6pm/Sun@10:30am. We are better together.