

**Week Eighteen**

The Love dare

WEEK BY WEEK..

***This weeks Prayer***

**“Father help us to become very patient with one another. Give us the wisdom to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.**

**In Jesus name.”**

**Amen**

**Love glorifies God**

**“This mystery is profound,**

**but I am talking about Christ and the church.”**

**Ephesians 5:32**

At its heart, marriage is more than a man and a woman falling in love and spending life together. God has many priceless purposes for marriage. He created it to eliminate loneliness through companionship, multiply our effectiveness through teamwork and mature us into Christlikeness.

He designed marriage to guard our purity through sexual fulfillment, grow families through procreation, and bring about enjoyment of walking in love and oneness. But God’s ultimate purpose for marriage is a hidden mystery that is greater than all these combined.

God masterfully orchestrated marriage to reveal the beauty of His glory. In fact, each of His purposes for marriage reveals the characteristic of God in eternity. Our oneness and companionship reflect His union in the Trinity. Our purity honors His holiness. Our procreation reflects Him as Creator of life. Our love is founded in the truth that God is love. And our love provides a living portrait of the gospel.

Gods unconditional love for His people, His church, His bride. (Revelation 21:9.) Your marriage is a mystery revealing His Majesty.

**Keys of Prayer:**

**While praying abide in Christ and His Word.**