

III. BECOME MORE ADAPTABLE

A. Trust God.

“28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Romans 8:28-29

B. Cultivate Gratitude.

“in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

I Thessalonians 5:18

C. Practice Forgiveness.

“31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:31-32

Are You Enjoying Deep Love Through Adaptability?

“Above all, love each other deeply”

I Peter 4:8

DEEP LOVE ~ ENJOYING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Adaptability
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INTRODUCTION

A. No one wants a shallow relationship, right? We want to sink the roots of our relationship deep into love. Deeper conversations and bonding. Deeper intimacy and passion. And that’s exactly what the *Deep Love* relationship series can do for you. It’s for couples and individuals who want to move from broken to better as well as those moving from good to great.

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B. This series will help you learn how to enjoy strong relationships and make your relationships everything you want them to be.

Feb 12	Personality
Feb 19	Communication
Feb 26	Conflict
Mar 5	Intimacy
TODAY	Adaptability
Mar 19	Harmony

C. **TEXT:** Philippians 4:11 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1153/New Test)

HOW TO ENJOY DEEP LOVE THROUGH ADAPTABILITY

I. EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

- A. Think about **Joseph** and **Mary**, the parents of Jesus.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.”
Luke 1:31

- B. All relationships will face...

- **Tension**
- **Transition**
- **Trouble**

- C. The unexpected will either **destroy** your love or **deepen** your love.

II. AVOID THE PITFALLS

- A. **Self-pity**

“10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.”
Jonah 3:10-4:1

“20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.”
Job 1:20-21

- B. **Blame**

“12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
Genesis 3:12-13

“Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.”

Romans 14:13

- C. **Resentment**

“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”

Hebrews 12:15

“And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.”
Matthew 6:12

- D. **Comparison**

“21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?”

22 Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

John 21:21-22

“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”
II Corinthians 10:12