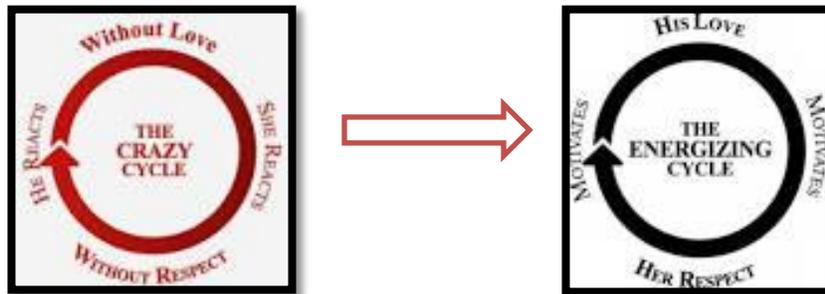


Oasis Christian Church
 Couples Assignment – Men
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Love & Respect is all about how the wife can fulfill her need to be **loved** by giving her husband what he needs – **respect**.



Getting Honest About Love & Respect: Decoding Your Spouse's Messages

READ: James 4:1-2: *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.*

1 Peter: 1:1-8 - “**Wives, in the same way submit** yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

⁷ **Husbands, in the same way** be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

⁸ **Finally, all of you,** be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

February Homework Challenge for the Men:

Whenever a wife is complaining, criticizing, or crying, she is sending her encoded message: ***“I want your love!”***

And whenever a husband is speaking harshly or sometimes not speaking at all, he is sending his encoded message, ***“I want your respect.”***

How well do you decode your wife’s complaints? Though not all of her complaints are cries for love (she can have a “bad hair day”), it helps to think first that her complaint might be rooted in her cry for love.

Explain in 1 or 2 sentences:

- 1.
- 2.

Describe a time when you heard her cry for love underneath her complaint and responded lovingly. *(If you can’t think of any, just write your thoughts about how willing you are to listen better and decode her complaints.)*

- 1.

Fill in the following: ***The next time my wife complains or criticizes I will show her love by....***

- 1.