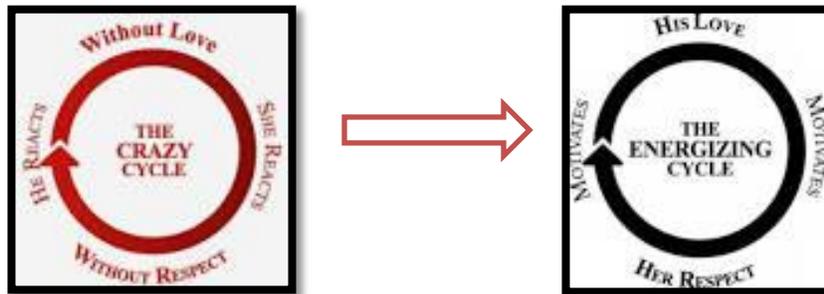


Oasis Christian Church
 Couples Assignment – Women
 February 5, 2016



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 (NIV):** *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 (NIV) - “**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 Women:

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 husband’s actions or words when he needs respect?

(Silence or harshness is not always cries for respect, but they can be. Sometimes pride or the inability to verbalize his need for respect can keep the need covered. Never forget that his “Respect Tank” is there and that you could be stepping on his air hose.)

Can you think of any times recently when you heard his cry for respect underneath his silence or harshness? (If you can’t, just write your honest thoughts about willing you are to decode his behavior and try to show respect.)

Explain in 2 or 3 sentences.

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2.

Fill in the following: ***The next time my husband appears in unloving or harsh, I will show him respect by...***

1.