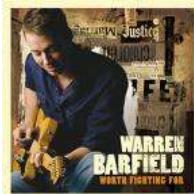


## LOVE IS NOT A FIGHT

Love is not a place to come and go as we please  
It's a house we enter in, then commit to never leave  
So lock the door behind you and throw away the key  
Work it out together, let it bring us to our knees



Love is a shelter in a raging storm, love is peace in the middle of a war  
And if we try to leave, may God send angels to guard the door  
No love is not a fight, but it's something worth fighting for

To some love is a word that they can fall into  
But when they're falling out, keeping that word is hard to do  
Love is a shelter in a raging storm, love is peace in the middle of a war  
And if we try to leave, may God send angels to guard the door  
No love is not a fight, but it's something worth fighting for

Love will come to save us if we'll only call  
He will ask nothing from us, but demand we give our all  
Love is a shelter in a raging storm, love is peace in the middle of a war  
And if we try to leave, may God send angels to guard the door  
No love is not a fight, but it's something worth fighting for

Yes I will fight for you, would you fight for me?  
It's worth fighting for

## THE LOVE DARE CHALLENGE:

Dare to take God at His word and give your life – and your marriage – to Him. The Bible tells us how: "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38, TEV)



## THE ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT, PART TWO

Join us this Saturday evening, March 28, at 7:00 here at Capital Community Church as dozens of couples renew their wedding vows to mark their completion of *The Love Dare*. A meaningful one-hour ceremony featuring beautiful music, free photography for each couple, wedding cake and punch.

## Part 6 - First Love



In the movie *Fireproof*, when Caleb takes on the challenge of *The Love Dare* and begins to demonstrate his love for Catherine, we wonder if it is "too little, too late." He apologizes and sends flowers and arranges dinner ... but still, Catherine has been hurt and isn't ready to trust him again. In frustration, Caleb confronts his father with, "How am I supposed to show love to somebody who constantly rejects me?" John Holt responds with a difficult truth: "You can't love her because you can't give her what you don't have."

What Caleb is missing is the foundation for unconditional love. That basis for love is found in the most famous verse in the Bible – John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Not until Caleb turns to God does he learn how to truly love his wife.

Near the end of the movie, Caleb tells Catherine, "In the last few weeks, God has given me a love for you that I've never had before." The love and strength Caleb draws from his newfound relationship with God enables him to remove everything from his life that threatens his marriage to Catherine, even in the face of possible rejection from her.

The song *Love is Not a Fight*, by Warren Barfield, became the theme song for *Fireproof*. It says, "Love will come to save us if we'll only call, He will ask nothing from us, but demand we give our all." God, the Creator of life and the Author of marriage, stands ready to help us as individuals and as couples the moment we turn to Him.



*May God and His love enable you to truly fireproof your marriage!*



## TODAY IS DAY 38 OF THE LOVE DARE!

**Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)** Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

**Revelation 2:4 (TEV)** But this is what I have against you: you do not love me now as you did at first.

### OUR CONTROLLING TENDENCIES:

- We try to control our \_\_\_\_\_.
- We try to control other \_\_\_\_\_.
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The Bible's word for this self-defeating behaviour is \_\_\_\_\_.

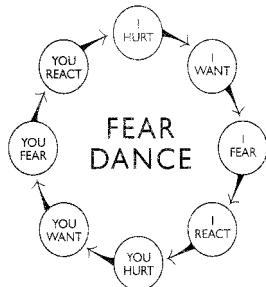
Trying to control puts me \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 7:15-17** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

**Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**DIVORCE** basically means "\_\_\_\_\_."

**RECONCILIATION** simply means "\_\_\_\_\_."



**James 4:1-3 (NLT)** What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

Forgiveness does not establish relationship, only \_\_\_\_\_.  
Forgiveness depends on \_\_\_\_\_, but reconciliation depends on \_\_\_\_\_.



**John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

**2 Peter 2:19 (TEV)** They promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of destructive habits—for we are slaves of anything that has conquered us.

Real freedom is choosing who \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Peter 3:18a** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.

**1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**Colossians 2:14** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

We cross the bridge to salvation not by \_\_\_\_\_ in what Jesus did for us, but by \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus did for us to our own lives!

**Acts 2:38 (TEV)** Peter said to them, Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit.

**1 John 4:19 (TEV)** We love because God first loved us.