

The Secret of How to Fight Fair in Marriage

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This is definitely **not** the way to fight fair in marriage: “*This call may be recorded for quality assurance.*”

We’ve all heard this line before. Companies record conversations to use against their employees or customers at a later date. “Quality assurance” can be a fancy term for “be careful what you say because we have it all on tape.”

Unfortunately, this happens a lot in marriage. When things get heated, we turn on the recorder so we can use our spouse’s words against them in the future. In our sinful nature, we want to turn conversations back on our spouse to make them feel shame or guilt. We feel vindicated and always want to be “right.”

If this behavior becomes a habit in our marriage, it will tear the relationship apart. There is a way to fight fair in marriage, this is not it. Recording and recounting conversations is a sure-fire way to push your spouse away. This model is the opposite of a “grace marriage.”

Jesus is clear in Scripture about our sins being as far as the east is from the west. He does not hold on to our sins and record them for future conversations. We will never sin against our spouse as much as we have sinned against our Lord, and yet He is faithful to erase our sins and forgive.

Recording and remembering conversations under the guise of “quality assurance” in our marriage is never a healthy practice. We need to go before the Lord to ask for patience and grace with our spouse. Jesus forgave it all, so we have the freedom to do the same for our spouse.

Let’s learn how to fight fair in marriage. Here are a couple of Bible verses to keep in mind the next time you want to bring up a past wrongdoing.

- “as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” —*Psalm 103:12*
- “[Love] does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”
—*1 Cor. 13:5*



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL Sunday, March 7, 2021 / Worship 10 AM

Invocation

Song

Christ Has Conquered All

Welcome & Announcements

Song

Jesus

Song

Glorious Day

Worship Prayer

Mike

Message

Do You Have A Plan?

Pastor Dave Havener

Communion

Song

Jesus Paid It All

Song

Tremble

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewwego.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewwego>

Events and Information

DELTA LAKE – Thank you! The offerings received for Delta Lake were \$1,149.81.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – The Red Cross blood drive is this Friday, March 12 from 12 Noon to 5 PM at Lakeview. Please give blood if you are able and pass the information along to others that might have interest. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.

SPRING FORWARD – Daylight saving time begins next Sunday morning March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

LUNCH ON THE GO – Lakeview will provide an Irish themed Lunch on the Go Sunday, March 14 following the morning service. If you would like to help, please see Kelly. Those who signed up to donate food items, please bring donations to Lakeview's kitchen today.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to place a lily in the church for Easter in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form in your bulletin and place it in the offering box or church office. Orders need to be in by Sunday, March 14.

COUPLES SMALL GROUP – The Tuesday evening couples group will start a new study '*The Art of Marriage*' on March 16 at 6:30 PM. The group will meet at Lakeview in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions and are interested in joining, please see Chad & Judy.

SPRING REFRESH 2021 / A VIRTUAL EVENT

The Alliance Women's Spring Refresh Conference is Saturday, April 24 at Lakeview. Theme: '*Free to Walk in the Spirit*.' The keynote speaker is Marilyn L. To facilitate the event, we need to know who is interested in attending. Please contact Mickey or call the church office by March 21. More information to follow.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

Our International Workers Conference will be held Sunday evening, April 25 through Wednesday evening, April 28 with International Worker Mark E. who serves in Bosnia. More details to follow.

**We're building a community of faith in God
that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**

Small Group Ministry

Small Groups

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting Friday evenings 7 PM at Steve & Kristie's home. Using '*The Steps to Freedom in Christ*' material. For more information, call the church office (607)-687-3261.

Couples Small Group (Led by Chad & Judy)

Starting Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 PM. Meeting at Lakeview in the fellowship hall. Reviewing '*The Art of Marriage*.' For more information, call the church office (607)-687-3261.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study (Led by Anne)

Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM-12 Noon at Lakeview. Meeting in the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the fellowship hall. Reviewing '*Outrageous Justice*' from Prison Fellowship.

Women's Bible Study (Led by Mickey)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the first-floor classroom by the stairs. Studying '*The Daniel Prayer*' by Anne Graham Lotz.

Prayer Group (Led by Art) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the church office.

Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

IMPACT (Teen Group 6th-12th grade)

This Weeks Calendar

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| Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:00 PM | DMC Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Prayer Meeting, IMPACT (Teen Group) |
| | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | Administrative Board Meeting |
| Friday | 12 PM-5 PM | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Small Group |