

# Beltway Park

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**That's What She Said  
My lover is knocking  
Beltway Park October 18, 2009**

*Text: Song of Songs 5:2-8 (p.671)*

**Every relationship has \_\_\_\_\_.**

When two people get married to one another, everything is great and wonderful except for one major problem – the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. They're both sinners.

Add one sinner to another sinner, and they don't cancel each other out. Two sinners don't make an automatically \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ any more than two wrongs make a right.

Where there is anything life-giving, there will be a \_\_\_\_\_. If you want everything to be neat, tidy, wonderful and perfect with no problems or struggles, don't try to be part of anything life-giving like a mission-minded church or a Godly marriage. (Prov. 14:4)

When we marry, we can expect some great and wonderful things to be added to our lives. But as with everything that is life-giving, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with. Expect it. Plan on it.

**We must apply the \_\_\_\_\_ to our relationships.**

If you are a follower of Jesus, then Jesus affects \_\_\_\_\_!  
Jesus is our life, and we want to know what Jesus thinks about every aspect of our existence, including our relationships.

Through Jesus, who is the gospel, God enabled the conflict between us and Him to be resolved. God made possible reconciliation – \_\_\_\_\_ – between us and Him.  
(*Eph. 2:3-5,13*)

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We alone sinned against God, yet God in His great love gave to us so that our relationship might be restored. This is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to everything in our lives.

**The gospel says I need to be a \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships, especially marriage. (*Phil. 2:3-5*)**

In a marriage (and all other relationships), we will sin against each other. And sin must be \_\_\_\_\_. That's the sense of justice we have inside of us.

We will either make the other person pay, or we will pay for it with the \_\_\_\_\_ we have received freely from God in your relationship with Him.

Love covers – \_\_\_\_\_ – extends grace to those who sin against us. It is the foundation of the gospel. (*1 Pet. 4:8*)

**The gospel says I still have room to \_\_\_\_\_, and God uses relationships to demonstrate this to me.**

God's ultimate goal for our lives is not our \_\_\_\_\_, convenience or happiness in the moment.

God's stated goal for our lives is that we day by day become more and more like \_\_\_\_\_.

At regular times God will confront things in us that are not like Jesus. He does this through \_\_\_\_\_ probably more than any other place. (*Prov. 27:17*)

The clashing - the conflict in our relationships - shows us the stuff that is in us that is not like Jesus. It shows the \_\_\_\_\_ that still needs to be dealt with and removed.

I can constantly be right in my own mind, seeing things through the lens of my selfishness, but I will be miserable and lonely. Or, I can \_\_\_\_\_ to God, listen to Him and do what He calls me to do. (*James 4:7-8*)

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