

# Pursuing God – Within Marriage

by Brian

Who Are You Pursuing? Some folks will tell you to chase after your spouse. Some will tell you to take care of yourself first—so you can take care of others around you. There are times and seasons for everything. But, in this post, I want to point you in a different direction. Let me tell you a story about pursuing God.

## When you chase after your spouse.

Before I was married, but once I knew I was interested in the lady of my dreams, it was all about the pursuit. I wanted to win her over, so I pursued her. I walked to see her when I didn't have a car. I stayed up late talking on the phone instead of studying for class. I bought her flowers, took her to the movies (*borrowed vehicle*), wrote notes of love, took her to dinner, and did everything I could to let her know she was the woman of my dreams.

You understand. You've been there and done that.

## When you chase after yourself.

Before saying, "I do," you pursued the one you love. Once married, the pursuit sometimes fades or gets crowded out by life. So, how do you keep the marriage healthy? It all comes down to the quest.

After you get married, it's easy to drift into thinking you've somehow "arrived". Then, it's not long before you'll hear folks say, "*You need some me time.*" Well, me-time isn't always wrong. But, when you factor in years of not chasing the correct thing, looking to yourself can be such low-hanging fruit, that you get lazy. It tastes good!

Then you realize you could've been doing this all along. One nice, quiet moment turns into a new hobby. Before you notice, you're not only *not* chasing your spouse; you've jumped passed me-time to full-on selfishness.

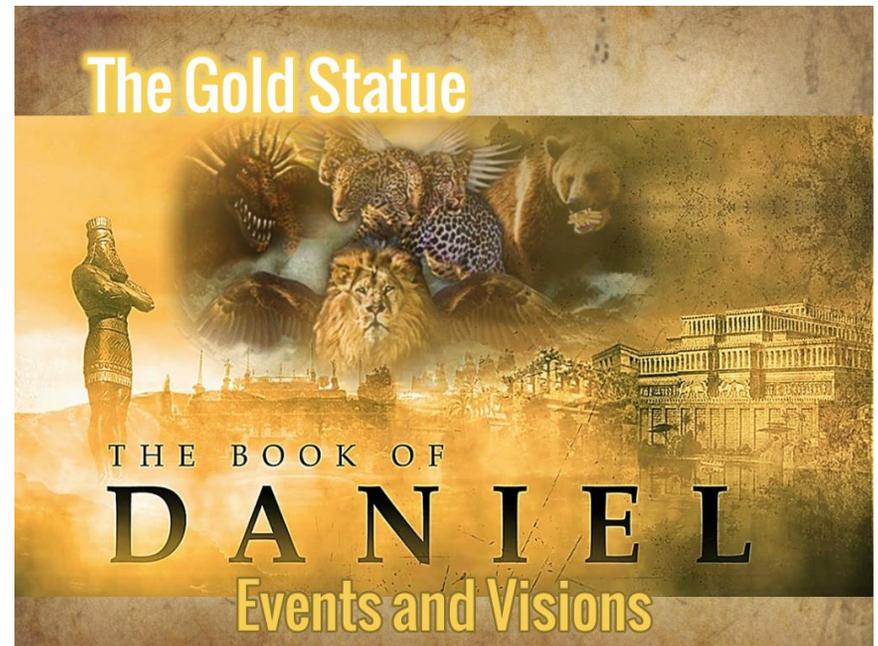
However, I'm not talking about pursuing your spouse, even though you should. And I'm not talking about self-care, even though it's vital at times. I'm talking about seeking God.

## When you chase after God.

In my role as a Pastor, I've walked with many couples through the hard times of marriage. Do you know what brings the marriage back to health and wholeness? It's not when the spouse learns to pursue the other one more. It's not when the spouse has extra me-time. No, the problem is overcome when the couple learns to seek God.

It's when each spouse makes God number one in their life and they each—genuinely pursue Him with all of their, heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Let the pursuit begin, chase after God.



## WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, May 16, 2021 / Worship 10 AM

Invocation

Song

The Only Name (Yours Will Be)

Welcome & Announcements

Song

Tremble

Song

Raise A Hallelujah

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3

Worship Prayer

Ron

Message

The Gold Statue

Pastor Dave

Song

Another In The Fire

Song

Do It Again

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewowego.com>

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

## Events and Information

**SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS** - This year, our special summer family ministry will be a series of fun nights spread throughout the summer. **Summer Nights with Jesus!** We will be doing things like a family scavenger hunt, a slip-n-slide night, a movie night, and other ideas you suggest! If you are interested in helping in any way let Patti know.

**GREAT COMMISSION DAY 2021** – Each Spring the C&MA holds a Great Commission Day as a special offering opportunity to further the work of taking All of Jesus to All the World. This year the offering will be used to help **40 new workers** go to nations they are called to serve. You can join with others across the country to give to this special need. Now through May 23<sup>rd</sup> give as the Lord leads you to our Great Commission Day Offering. You can label your gift “**GO**” to join with others all over the world who are giving to complete the Great Commission Jesus has given to His Church.

**EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER** – Please join us for a time of scripture & prayer on Sunday, May 30 at 6 PM to be led by Duane & Doris.

**CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** - Change for Life is an easy way that we as a church can help provide godly guidance for mothers in distress at Life Choices Center. Simply pick up a baby bottle, fill it with cash, check, or coins and return it by Sunday, June 27 or donate online through our unique Change for Life giving page. <https://life-choices-center-inc.networkforgood.com/projects/129922-lakeview-chapel-s-fundraiser> Life Choices Center is looking to raise \$55,000 during this year's campaign all to help women and men in our community before, during, and after unplanned pregnancies. Let's help them make this campaign a huge success! To learn more about Life Choices Center, visit: LifeChoicesCenter.org.

**UPCOMING MISSIONS EMPHASIS EVENT** - An IW will join us on Sunday morning, June 20 at 10 AM. They will share with us about the work God is doing in Gabon, Africa.

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

## Small Group Ministry

**Small Group News** – Doug & Maybell announce the re-start of the small group meeting in their home. They plan to gather again June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office (607) 687-3261.

**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)** Tuesday evenings 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.

**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. Studying the book of Acts.

**Prayer Group (Led by Art)** Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the 1st floor classroom by the stairs.

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

**IMPACT** (Teen Group 6th–12th grade)

## This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Couples Small Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	IMPACT Teen Group
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group

*Truly my soul finds rest in God; my  
salvation comes from him. Psalms 62:1*