Christmastide: December 30, 2018

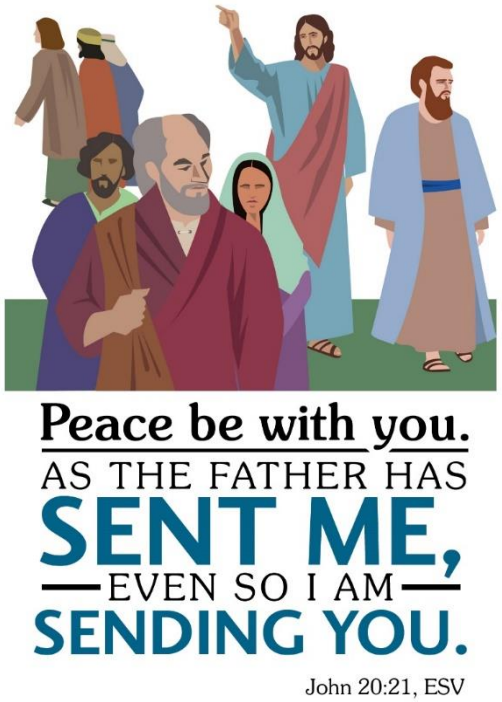
First Sunday of Christmastide - - (Colors change to White)
Title: The Greatest Resolution
Text: Mark 12:28-34

Hymn #1: 249 There's a song in the air
Hymn #2: 347 Spirit Song
Hymn #3: 246 Joy to the world
Benediction: We Wish You a Merry Christmas

VISION: We are a functional family of God, where Jesus is Lord and people grow.

MISSION: Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. *(¶126 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)*

There are two kinds of people in this world: people who need to become disciples and disciples who need to become disciple makers.

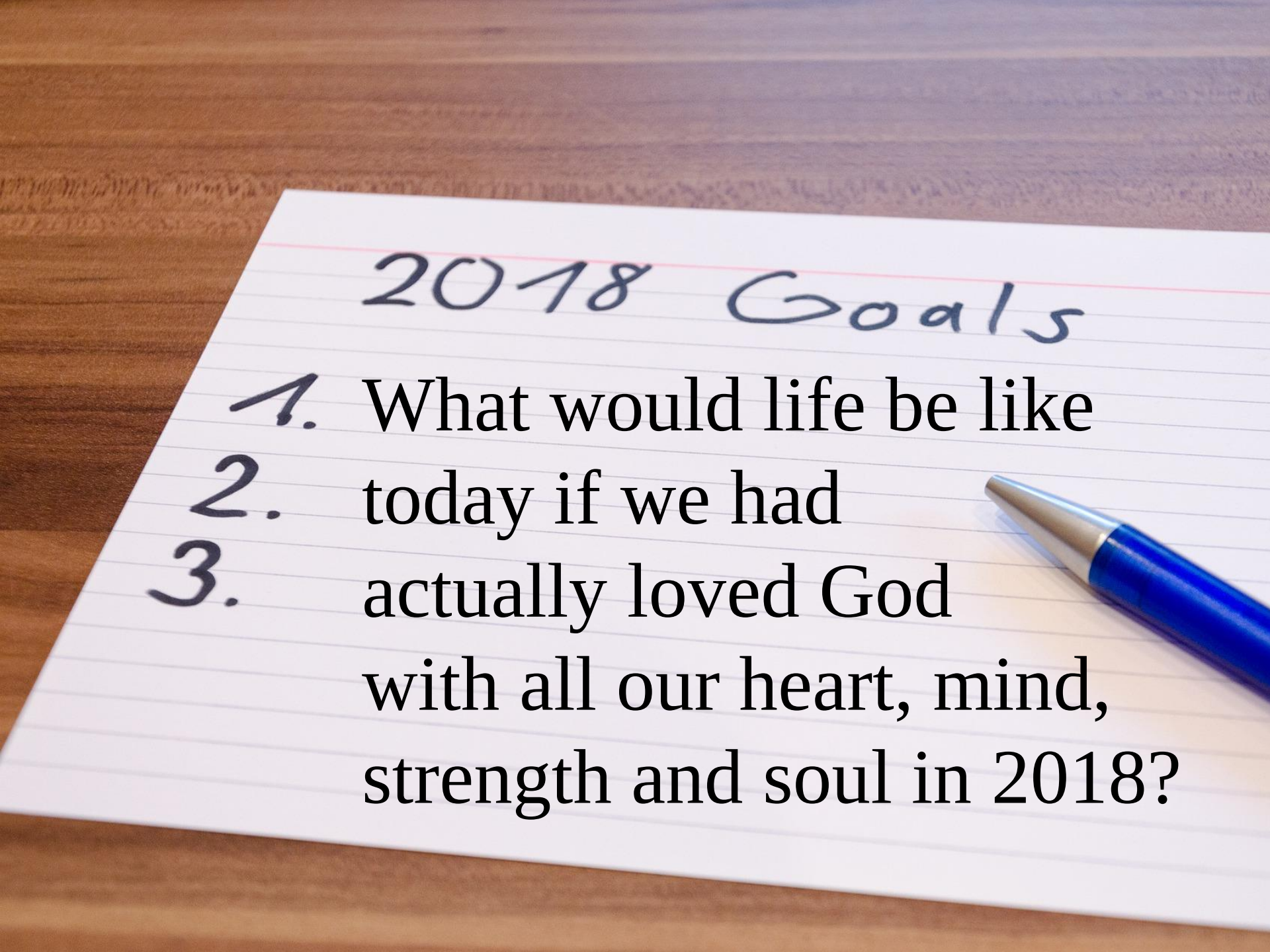


Emmanuel
"God with us."
Jesus is here!
Anything is possible!

What do you want?

The most forgotten resolution:

The Greatest Resolution…


2018 Goals
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What would life be like
today if we had
actually loved God
with all our heart, mind,
strength and soul in 2018?

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes
came up and heard them disputing
with one another, and seeing that he
answered them well, asked him,
"Which commandment is
the first of all?"

29 Jesus answered,
"The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The
Lord our God, the Lord is one;

30 and you shall love the Lord your God ***with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'***

31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these."

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30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

How do we do this?

<u>God is</u> …

"The Force"

Higher Conscience

Painter of Sunsets

Clockwork Creator

<u>Christmas</u>:

God is a

person.

This is a committed relationship.

The Sound Relationship *(with God)* House –

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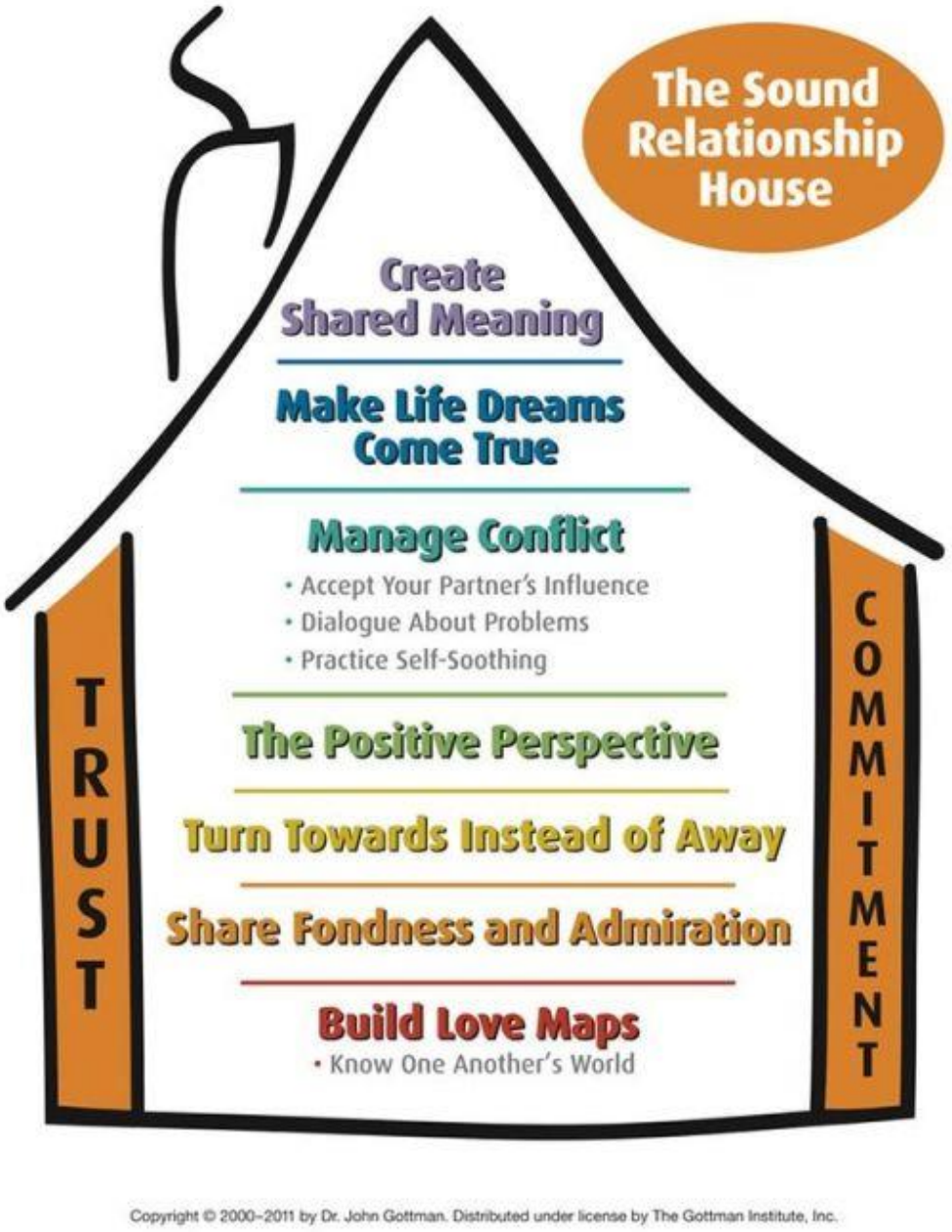

Knowing the little things about your partner's life creates a strong foundation for your friendship and intimacy.

The Sound Relationship (with God) House.

90% accuracy: *There is a very specific ratio that makes love last: 5 to 1. This means that for every negative interaction during conflict, a stable and happy marriage has five (or more) positive interactions.*

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Sliding Door Moments:
How do we respond to "bids"
for our attention?

Life constantly presents you with choices to turn towards or turn away.

Help! Thanks. WOW!

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At the six-year follow-up, couples that had stayed married turned towards one another 86% of the time. Couples that had divorced averaged only 33% of the time.

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Whether your relationship is in the positive or negative determines a lot of things… It does not mean that you won't have trouble. It simply sets the tone for how you will manage that trouble together. Remember the magic ratio: 1:5.

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Let your partner influence you.
Both talk about problems; both listen.
Soothe yourself; be still, be calm.

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What if the main question in your home was, *"What if ?"* What if the main answer to that question was, *"Let's make it happen!"*

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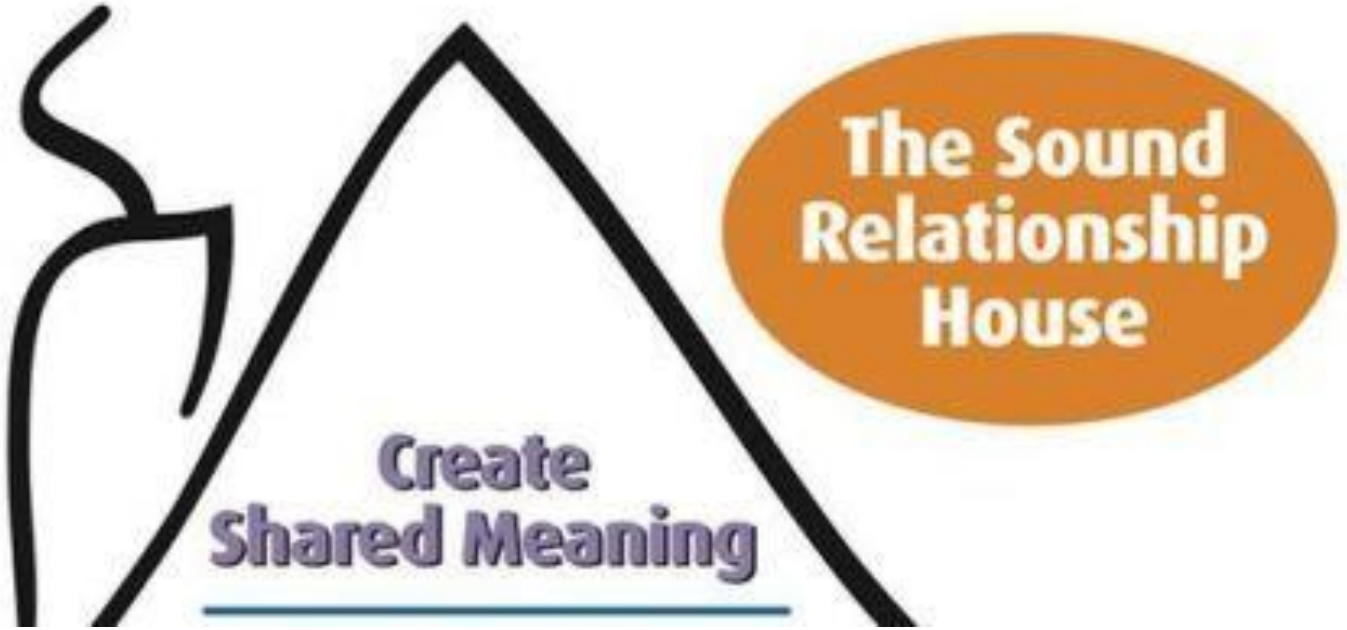
Create shared meaning through the use of rituals, roles, goals, and symbols.



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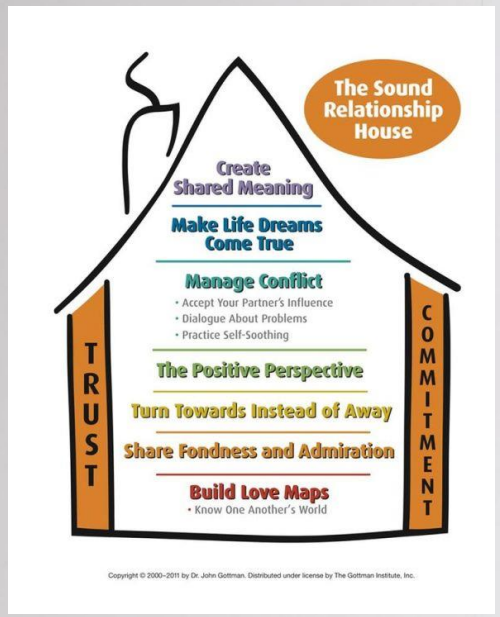

My Goals:

1. A Sound Relationship (with God)
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