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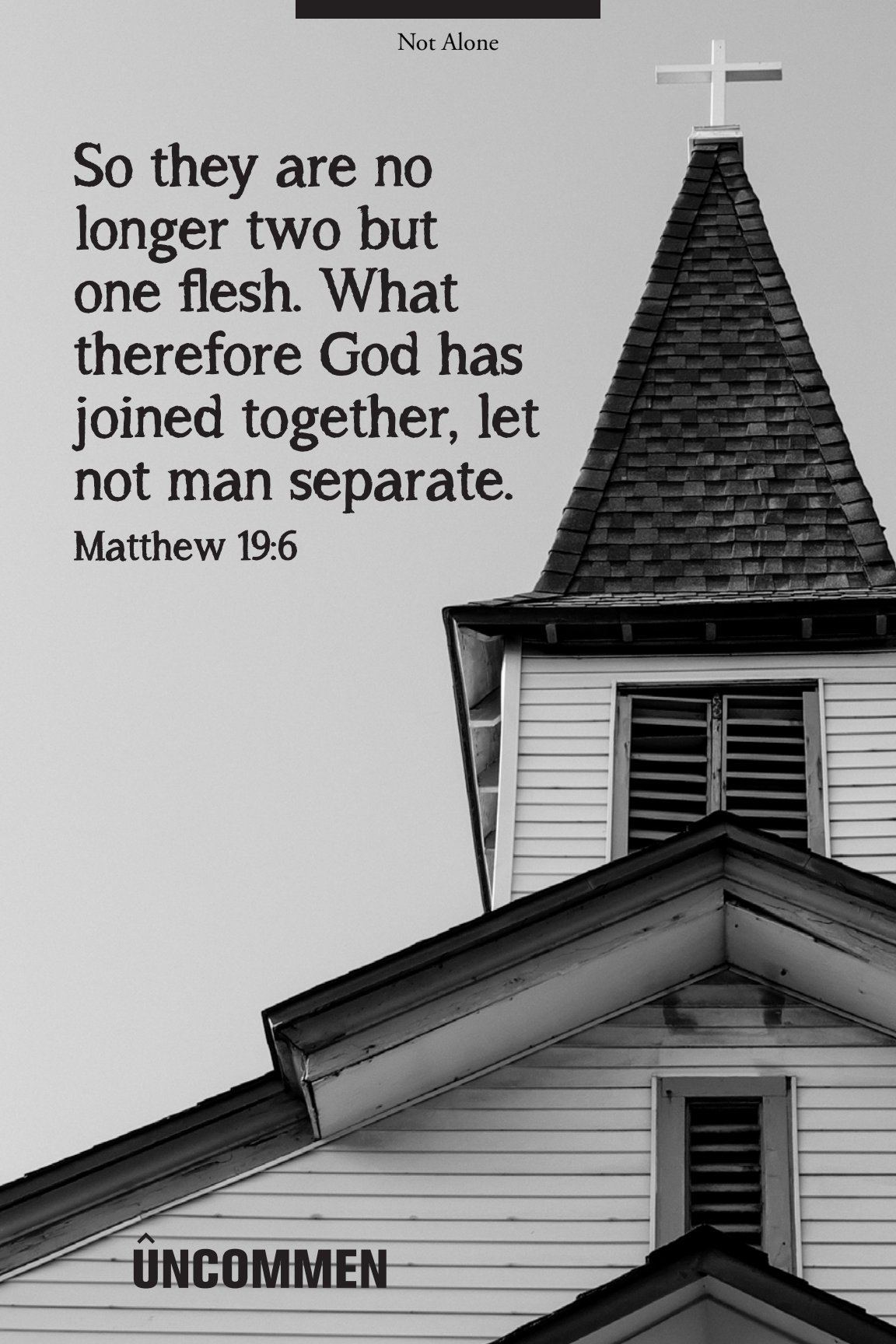
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Not Alone

So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

Matthew 19:6

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## UNCOMMEN GOALS: HUSBANDS

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 5:25

I've been married 30 years, and through those years I've seen all kinds of marriages around me. I've seen people that have been together for 40+ years that are really bad examples of marriage. I've seen people married for three months and it looks like they've been together forever. It's not about the number of years you've been together, but rather what has happened during those years. Are you compatible? Do you have common interests? How well do you communicate with each other? Is your marriage growing?

Dana and I have been through all kinds of issues during our marriage (miscarriages, Katrina, homeschooling, money issues, etc.), but the key was we were going through it together. Not just in the same boat so to speak, but instead both rowing in the same direction. There is a big difference. One of the best things Dana and I have done over the years has been doing marriage studies together. We spend time working on our marriage by discussing topics, learning about each other's wants and desires, and reading about what God wants our marriage to be.

Dana and I were in a married couples small group, and we were thinking about doing a marriage study. I asked, "how many have ever done a marriage study?" No one raised their hands! I said, "no one has ever done a marriage study before?" Some of the people in that room had been married for many years. My immediate thought was, "how in the world can you have a great marriage if you are not working on it?"

Men and women are as different as the sun and the moon; we need to spend the time learning about each other. Many years ago, Dana and I did Gary Chapman's "5 Love Languages," and it helped with our communication process.

**The 5 Love Languages are as follows:**

- Words of Affirmation
- Acts of Service
- Receiving Gifts
- Quality Time
- Physical Touch

Example: If you love to give your wife gifts but she'd rather you spend time with her, you both will be frustrated as neither will get the reaction you were looking for. You need to learn how to communicate with each other. If your wife's love language is spending time with her...SPEND TIME WITH HER! You'd be surprised how many men don't do that in spite of knowing that's her love language.

So how do you set Husband Goals?

This is the time you need to prioritize your wife and listen to her input. If she is talking about wanting to lose some weight, that is a cue to set a goal to eat healthier as well. If she is showing some concern about money, maybe you suggest reading a book together or take a class about budgeting. The more you invest in your marriage, the healthier it will be. Developing a great marriage takes time and effort. You get out what you put in.

**QUESTION 1:** When was the last time you sat down and had a conversation about your marriage?

**QUESTION 2:** Have you ever done a marriage study before?

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# CHALLENGE

I challenge you and your wife to do a marriage study this month. It may be your first, or it may be your sixth. Either way, pick one and do it. If you have never done Gary Chapman's 5 Love Languages, I would highly recommend it. The second study I would suggest is: "Men are like Waffles and Women are like Spaghetti."

## CONGRATULATIONS...NOW WHAT?

So you've finished the Uncommen Leader Devotional and by now you are probably high-fiving, passing out some fist bumps and feeling pretty good about yourself. We are right there with you in celebrating your commitment in becoming an Uncommen Leader. Are you ready for the next level?

### APPLICATION

Reading inspirational content is one thing, but applying that concept is another. We'd like you to take all of the lessons you've learned during your time in this devotional and make a list of what you are going to do to apply some of these principals to your life.

### GROWTH

Have you been inviting people to your group? I challenge you to invite one man who you think would benefit from being part of this group to your next meeting. Get out in the community as a group and start to invest into people where they need you the most.

### SUPPORT

Do you enjoy and believe in what Uncommen is doing? We'd like to ask everyone in your group to prayerfully consider committing to signing up for a small on-going donation (no amount is too small), that would help us reach more men around the world.

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and Leader they were always meant to be!*

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