

Information for our visitors

Welcome to our services and our fellowship

Our Sunday Morning Service includes times of sung worship and praise. Many of us stand for this and we may raise our arms, but please feel free to remain seated if you wish.

To parents of young children: Relax! Please don't feel that you have to suppress your children's natural energy. Consider sitting towards the front, where it's easier for them to see what's going on. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"

We have times of ministry and prayer after the service. If you would like somebody to pray for you, please approach the Convenor or Preacher

We would love you to join us for refreshments after the service in The Carpenter's Arms. If it's too crowded, please feel free to get your tea or coffee and to move back into the church hall to continue in fellowship. If you are visiting, please sign our visitor's book and let us know if you would like to receive future issues of our Church newsletter.

From around 12:30 onwards we host lunch for a few travellers, homeless and unemployed, offering a meal, tea or coffee, clothing and a chat.

If you are new to Gibraltar, and want to keep in touch with us, please complete in one of our contact detail forms. One of the Ushers will provide a copy

There is a crèche upstairs, complete with a sound feed, so that you can listen to the service whilst looking after your small children.

Sunday school. We try to provide Sunday school during the sermon and we are required by law to clearly point out that the church cannot be held responsible for the safety and welfare of children when they are not in the care of the Sunday school staff

House Groups are vital for our spiritual growth and for deepening our relationships. We have three groups at present. If you would like to attend one, please speak to the Convenor or one of the leadership team.

We welcome input from all who attend our Church. If you have any comments or observations about the church, please feel free to chat with one of our leaders.

If you would like somebody to pray for you after the service, please speak to the Preacher or Convenor.

Regular Meetings

Tuesday and Thursday

We meet to pray from 7am to 8am in the Prayer Room. *'Prayer moves the hand that moves the universe.'* Come, be blessed, praise God, do whatever God leads you to do

Tuesday and Wednesday

House groups meet in various homes. Ask for details

Tuesday

Ladies Prayer and Study Group meet in the Carpenter's Arms at 5.30pm

Friday

Imit8 Youth Group meets every Friday at 7.30pm

'Building to Last'

Time and place to be announced soon

What's happening

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of the month and we will have our Communion Service and Welfare Offering

September's offerings were:- direct to bank, £1355.00, Sundays, £1072.28 and Welfare, £161.10. That's a total of £2588.38. Whilst we are grateful for all offerings, those direct to the bank are most helpful in giving us a good idea of our projected income. Many thanks for blessing God's church

To be kept in mind

If you know of anybody who is ill or needs a visit, please call 20040870 and leave a message if necessary. Alternatively you can email minister@methodist.org.gi

If you need prayer, or know someone who does, please email prayer@methodist.org.gi. The email will go to the Leadership Team, and, if you wish, the prayer can be emailed selectively or to the entire church

If you have a word, a dream, a vision or a testimony that you would like to share with the church, please contact John. He will be happy to include it in the Notices (after prayerful consideration)

Serving Rota

Sunday, 2nd October

Ushers: Martin, Suzie and Andrew

11am	Worship, testimonies & ministry			
	Preacher	Rev P Harris		
	Convenor	Fidel	Music	Richard
	Computer	Denise	Sound	Charlie
	Coffee	The Bakers		
Noon	Sotogrande Fellowship		Preacher	David
1pm	Open Arms	Team Byrne		
7pm	Evening Service		Preacher	Rev F Patron
	Music	Richard	Computer	Denise

Sunday, 9th October

Ushers: Jeff, John and Jason

11am	Worship, Communion, testimonies & ministry			
	Preacher	Rev F Patron		
	Convenor	Stephane	Music	Richard
	Computer	Fenella	Sound	Ingvar
	Coffee	Sandra & Pat		
1pm	Open Arms	Antonia & Sheila		
7pm	Evening Service		Preacher	Richard
	Music	TBC	Computer	Fidel

Errors often creep into the Notices,  so please keep an eye on rota on the notice board!

5 Things to Do When Your Wife Is Wrong and You Know It



Even if you know your wife is wrong, don't try to prove how right you are. It will damage your relationship.

This week my wife and I had a major blow up—one of those that impact you for a while. The argument ended in tears for everyone, including our kids who witnessed the entire incident.

To be transparent, we are still working through it, so details will have to come in a future post.

We both said and did things that hurt one another deeply. I felt, and still do feel, she was wrong. But my marriage mentor challenged me not to let my feelings dictate my actions, and instead to base my actions on the commitment that I'd already made years ago. In other words, my relationship with my wife tops my desire to be right.

Your wife, like my wife, is not perfect. There are going to be times when she does things and says things that are just plain wrong. But don't let it and the feelings it triggers cause even more problems in your marriage.

Instead of letting your feelings run the show and being known as the couple fighting constantly, let your commitment dictate what you do—the commitment to love her unconditionally, and do so for life. I made a covenant agreement, not a conditional agreement based on her actions.

Here are five things you must do when your wife is wrong and you know it.

1. Be honest. A tendency I have when my wife does or says something that hurts me is to be dishonest. You probably do the same. Has she ever asked you, "what's wrong?" or "is everything okay?" And you responded "nothing" or "yep," when actually just the opposite was true. You can't do that. You have to be honest with her, and with yourself about how you felt wronged.

2. Look at you, not her. Another tendency we have is to focus solely on her, especially when she is wrong. Once you begin to focus on her, and not you, you begin to think her changing is the solution. Changing her is not the solution because you can't do it. You can only change you. So, begin to look at yourself, look at what you can control, and begin there.

3. Don't fight fire with fire. If you came home and your house was on fire, what would you think if the fire department began setting little fires all around your house. You'd think they were crazy, and you would lose hope that your home could be saved from the blazes. Just the same, when your wife wrongs you, you can't wrong her to make it right.

4. Tune in, don't tune out. When your wife is wrong and hurts you, I'm sure you can find a thousand different things to avoid her and avoid the hurt. You can go all in at work, staying late, taking on extra projects, bringing work home and hiding out until it's done. You can find an infinite number of projects around the house. You can hang with the blokes, find a game to watch, go fishing, whatever. Those aren't all necessarily bad. But don't use them to tune out your wife and your marriage. Instead, you have to tune in to her and your marriage even more. Be more attentive to her and her needs.

5. Treat her better than she deserves. This is the exclamation point on handling things when your wife is wrong and you know it. She may have done something so terrible that you can't imagine this, but this very behaviour will be the saving grace of your marriage. You have to pay the price by loving her in spite of her not loving you.

So, treat her with patience when she is not patient. Treat her kindly when she isn't kind to you. Don't keep a track record of her wrongs even if she does. This in time will win her over, and the actions you take will better allow you to move on from whatever it was she did or said to you. Consistently doing this will lead your wife to loving you in a way you can only imagine.