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Text: Genesis 39:6-20

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3. Going the Distance requires our willingness to identify \_\_\_\_\_ and claim \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
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4. Going the distance is a \_\_\_\_\_ to rise to a higher level of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ growth.
  - A. Husbands \_\_\_\_\_ your wives –doing something simple.
  - B. Wives \_\_\_\_\_ your husbands.

## Action Steps:

- a. In what ways are persons deceived in our culture today? How does the grass look greener? What are the temptations for couples today to overcome?
- b. Name one or two outstanding qualities about your spouse.
- c. What is the one area you would like to change about your marriage right now? What is keeping you and your spouse from acting on this?
- d. How can you take your acts of service, your acts of love, or tangible signs of your devotion to the next level this week, this month for your spouse?

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**Further Study:** John 8:34-51, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Colossians 3:12-19

**Goal:** To become aware of the entitlement mentality so prevalent in our culture today. To learn to be content with your spouse, though 'never satisfied with last year's results.'

#### Before the Video

- When things aren't going well, we often default to the dangerous mindset that the grass will be greener in another field. Why do you think people so often look for 'greener grass'?

#### After the Video

- What are two outstanding qualities about your spouse?
- What is one temptation couples must overcome today?

#### Digging into the Bible

- From the beginning our Enemy (the serpent) has tried to plant doubt in the minds of God's people. It is an age-old lie the devil says to us today: "Did God really say... you can't trust God; you can't trust God's Word." Jesus says the devil has been a murderer from the beginning and hates the truth because there is no truth in him (John 8:44). What lies have threatened to destroy your marriage and your home?
- What does 1 Peter 5:8-9 say about our Enemy, the devil?

#### Going Deeper & Action Steps

- What is one area you would like to change about your marriage right now? Practice the 1% rule. What can you agree on with your spouse and what needs to change in you?
- How can you take your acts of service and love (tangible signs of your devotion) to the next level this week, this month with your spouse?

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