

## My Vocation Destination

# The Happiest Place on Earth

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<sup>25</sup> *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her* <sup>26</sup> *to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,* <sup>27</sup> *and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27).*

<sup>3</sup> *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.* <sup>5</sup> *It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.* <sup>6</sup> *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* <sup>8</sup> *Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).*

Vocation shines a spotlight on the \_\_\_\_\_ things

we do and allows us to see them as \_\_\_\_\_.

Objections raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. It's the happiest place on earth, but *not* because I am happy with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (verse 25).*

*You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).*

Jesus' calling was to be \_\_\_\_\_.

In his calling, Jesus did the \_\_\_\_\_ things we are called

to do, but he did them \_\_\_\_\_.

*...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word (verse 26).*

*...to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (verse 27).*

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we are cleansed and made to be

Christ's perfect bride.

*As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you (Isaiah 62:5).*

## 2. It's the happiest place on earth, because God is happy with \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' sake.

*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group<sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery."<sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"<sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

Because of Jesus' verdict: \_\_\_\_\_, all the

objections raised are dropped.

### My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Remember your baptism as the day that you were washed clean and made God's perfect bride.
- After hearing God's verdict: "Neither do I condemn you," respond in joy to his call: "Go now and leave your life of sin."
- Meditate on and memorize Ephesians 5:25,26.