

# CCN WEEKLY SOLUTIONS SERIES THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2007





# "Learning the Language of Love: Messages From the Past"

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Our Past is	<b>Important</b>	<b>Because</b>	• • • •
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Our past is our experience

Our experience becomes our character

The way we experience that experience is part of our character

### What We Have Experienced Can Still Affect Us in the Present

### God Made Us So That Our Past Will Affect Our Future

### **We Are Symbolic Creatures**

### Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome

- An experience larger than our brain can handle
- We all have these experiences
- We develop ways of coping to protect ourselves

- Withdrawing
- Aggressive
- Perfectionistic
- Explosive
- Domineering
- Internal handling of your own feelings

Good Communication Always Begins with the Ability to Experience Inside Yourself What You Want to Communicate

The Basic Way to Prevent Fights

Use "I" Statements: I

#### The 4 Predictors of Divorce

- 1. Defensiveness
- 2. Contempt
- 3. Criticism
- 4. Unplugging

What Do We Take Away From This?

Make a New Past!

## Next week on Solutions: "Dare to Dream"

### **Resources:**

### **BOOKS:**

## How to Have that Difficult Conversation You've Been Avoiding

By Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend www.zondervan.com

### Changes that Heal

By Dr. Henry Cloud www.cloudtownsend.com

### Hiding from Love

By Dr. John Townsend www.zondervan.com

### How People Grow

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