

SETTLING DIFFERENCES

Preparation

Read I Corinthians 13.

Background

Wives sometimes confuse their submissive role with being a part of a team. Team members work together and work things out. Coming up with a plan together ahead of time makes good sense and can prevent unnecessary misunderstanding and pain for both.

Assign a class member to play the parts of Justin and Courtney and a third person to lead a wrap-up discussion at the end of the play. Give the “actors” a few minutes to prepare.

Scene 1

Short fuse. Long fuse.

Justin is short-tempered and wants to talk things out and come to a solution immediately. Courtney is just the opposite. It takes a lot for her to get angry, but when she does, she can never forget. Then she feels that she is in the right because she never screams and carries on like Justin does. They are tired of the way things have been going and want to come up with a better plan for the future. They agree on a plan that would work for both of them. Justin will stop overpowering Courtney and be more patient. Courtney will stop being so self righteous. If either starts down this path again, the other will call out “fuse!” Both will respect each other’s style and work at communicating better.

Scene 2

Defuse

Something happens and Courtney yells, “fuse!” They stop what they are doing, tell each other they love each other, and come to an agreement about when and how they will talk about it.