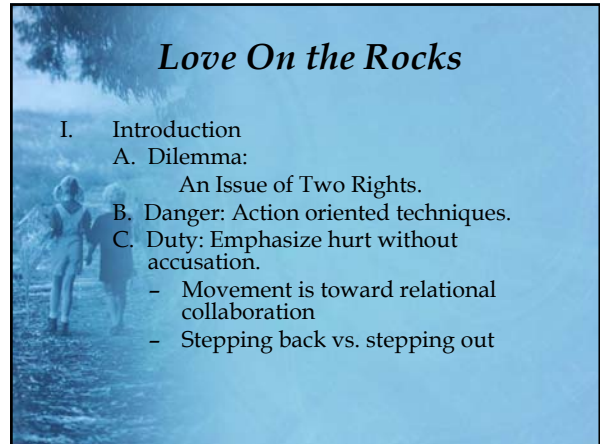


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How Couples Get it Wrong

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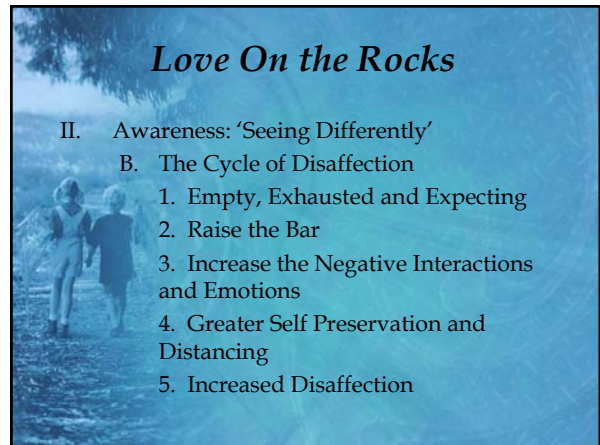
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- I. Introduction
 - A. Dilemma:
 - An Issue of Two Rights.
 - B. Danger: Action oriented techniques.
 - C. Duty: Emphasize hurt without accusation.
 - Movement is toward relational collaboration
 - Stepping back vs. stepping out



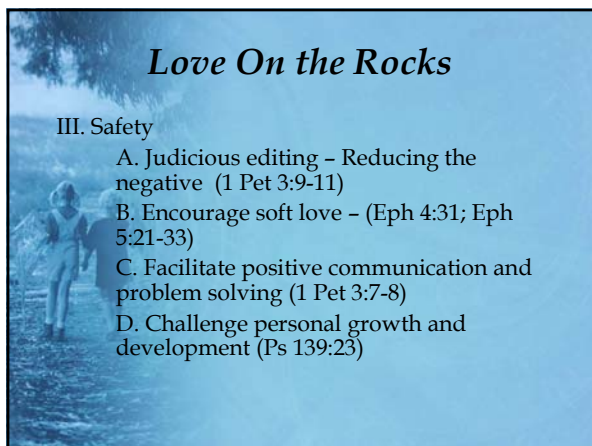
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- II. Awareness: 'Seeing Differently'
 - A. Everyday Pressures that Tear at Love
 - 1. Stress
 - 2. Satanic Assault
 - 3. Scripts from our Past
 - 4. "Supposed to Be's"
 - 5. Sin
 - 6. Speed



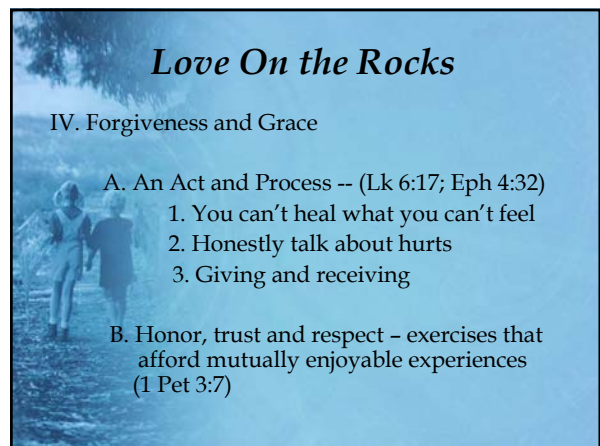
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- II. Awareness: 'Seeing Differently'
 - B. The Cycle of Disaffection
 - 1. Empty, Exhausted and Expecting
 - 2. Raise the Bar
 - 3. Increase the Negative Interactions and Emotions
 - 4. Greater Self Preservation and Distancing
 - 5. Increased Disaffection



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- III. Safety
 - A. Judicious editing - Reducing the negative (1 Pet 3:9-11)
 - B. Encourage soft love - (Eph 4:31; Eph 5:21-33)
 - C. Facilitate positive communication and problem solving (1 Pet 3:7-8)
 - D. Challenge personal growth and development (Ps 139:23)



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- IV. Forgiveness and Grace
 - A. An Act and Process -- (Lk 6:17; Eph 4:32)
 - 1. You can't heal what you can't feel
 - 2. Honestly talk about hurts
 - 3. Giving and receiving
 - B. Honor, trust and respect - exercises that afford mutually enjoyable experiences (1 Pet 3:7)



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IV. Forgiveness and Grace

C. Accepting and building on strengths and weaknesses

D. An Island of Three -
Embracing the Heart of God
Marriage