

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Relationships of Respect,” the High School Sunday school lesson for March 10, 2019. The lesson is found on page 11 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Dale and Alice Rockey celebrated 81 years of marriage together and were honored in 2015 as being in one of the longest marriages in the United States.

If possible, watch this short video that tells a little about their long, happy relationship. Dale and Alice have both passed away now, but the legacy of their love lives on in their five children, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/the-couple-with-the-longest-marriage-in-america/>

In the video, you see how Dale gave up his own home to stay with his wife once her medical needs required her to live in a care facility. They were each 99 at the time of the video, and they met as kids in a small town in Nebraska. As soon as Dale turned 18, he popped the question and they were married at the end of 1933. FDR was in his first term as president.

When asked about the secret to their marriage, Alice answered with a smile, “I always let him have my way.” It’s clear that this couple not only loved each other but loved laughing together.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What did you notice about this couple?

What do you think about the idea of being married for more than 80 years?

The video talked a little about what is needed to have a long-lasting marriage. What do you think would be required?

Certainly, one of the requirements for a long, happy, healthy relationship is respect for one another—a general attitude of caring for each other’s needs and being willing to compromise to fulfill each other’s wants. God reveals some important truths about respect that we will look at today.



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