

# Wild at Heart – Week 10a

## A Beauty To Rescue

1. The film Titanic was hugely popular with most women. Did you like it? Why/why not? Did your wife like it? Why/Why not?

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2. Do you feel you had to fight for your wife's heart at first?

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3. Do you feel you're still fighting for her?

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4. Plot a (1) for the start of your relationship, a (2) for the mid-point and a (3) for where you are now.

Passionate	Comfortable	Volatile Anger or
Pursuit	Safety	Distant Withdrawal

5. How many times a week do you tell you wife that you love her? Do *not* include the off-hand 'hanging up the phone' sign-offs!

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6. How many times a week do you tell her she is lovely or pretty or she looks great or you like what she's wearing?

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7. Is it common for you to have a personal conversation about your life, or more importantly, *her* life that lasts for more than five minutes?

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8. In short what sacrifices have you made to demonstrate to her that she is a priority to you?

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Field Notes

### WARNING!

Please hear me when I say that none of this is a formula. Your wife is not a problem to be solved; she is a woman to be loved. She doesn't want to be fixed; she wants to be known and delighted in. You can't know what the battle for her heart is about until you know her well and know her story. Spend time with her. Take time every week to talk, and make opportunities for longer time together, too. Make her a priority.

### FROM THE MAP

Husbands, love your wives *just as Christ loved the church* and gave his life for it. He did this to dedicate the church to God by his word, after making it clean by washing it in water, in order to present the church to himself in all its beauty---pure and faultless, without spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection. Men ought to love their wives just as they love their own bodies. A man who loves his wife loves himself.  
Ephesians 5:25-28 (my italics)

*Dear God, forgive me for living a selfish, self-protecting life. Forgive me for not spending my life on behalf of my woman, and for all the wounds I've given her. O grant me the grace to undo the damage and bring that tower down. Jesus, awaken me o the real battle for her, expose the Enemy and his tactics against her and our marriage. Give me your fierce love, your jealous love for my wife and for her freedom. And grant me the courage, cunning and selflessness as I fight for her. I want to me a Wallace for her – not a Judah. I ask this in your name. Amen.*