

## **Sacred Marriage Participants Guide What If God Designed Marriage To Make Us Holy More Than To Make Us Happy**

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### **Boundaries in Marriage**

Revised & Updated Edition! God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about Crazy Love at [www.crazylovebook.com](http://www.crazylovebook.com).

### **Practical Theology for Aging**

Includes a mentor's guide and a counseling questionnaire. Did you know marriage wasn't created just to make us happy—that God calls us to use it for eternal purposes? But a satisfying, God-centered marriage takes work, starting even before you're married or engaged. 9 Must-Have Conversations for a Doubt-Free Wedding Day acts either as a stand-alone resource or as a companion to The Sacred Search and helps you as a couple explore: How to have a doubt-free wedding day How to engage in healthy conflict Why you need to divorce divorce How to develop and maintain sexual intimacy Why asking hard questions now is better than asking them five years from now When you love each other with God's purposes in mind, intentional conversation becomes not just preparation for marriage but the first step in merging two lives into one for the ultimate glory of God. Includes a mentor's guide, a counseling questionnaire, as well as a pastor/counselor's premarital plan for walking a couple through the guide.

### **The Journey of Marriage in the Orthodox Church**

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Keeping the Lord's Day holy is obeying the 4th of the 10 commandments, which are commandments and not suggestions. And as Jesus states they are here until Heaven and Earth pass away (Matt 5:17-20). The church from the Book of Acts time gathered on the first day of the week, the day Jesus was resurrected, calling it the "Lord's Day" and set it aside as their sabbath – 1 Cor 16:1-2, Acts 20:7 & Rev 1:9, keeping it holy and wholly for God in worship, giving, Bible study, church, prayer, evangelising (and not for worldly things, sports, restaurants, shopping, TV etc). This is a most neglected command today, but it was not neglected in church history. Many of the greatest revivalists and reformers in Church history preached and kept the Lord's Day holy such as: John Wesley, DL Moody, Charles Spurgeon, David Livingstone, William Wilberforce, Hudson Taylor, Charles Finney, William Booth, George Whitfield and many others who have massively impacted the church. In fact during times of revival it is highly significant that revivals were always accompanied by a renewal and revival of keeping the sabbath day (the Lord's day) as well. Exodus 20:8-11 (The 4th Commandment) "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

### **Sacred Marriage**

In this six-session small group Bible study, pastor and bestselling author Jim Cymbala explores the person and work of the Holy Spirit to bring a fresh sense of God's power to your church and your life. What happens when the Holy Spirit moves powerfully within a church? Through this six-session study you will learn how: To make room for the Spirit's action in your life and in your church God wants to work through your gifts and talents to enable you to do what only he can do To listen for the voice of the Spirit in prayer and how to apply God's Word to your life The Spirit can bring healing to your body, your emotions, and your relationships; how a life lived in the presence of the Spirit can transform the church and the world Your church can become a place where people regularly experience God's presence and his power. Sessions include: Agent in the Shadows Power Source The Best Bible Teacher Water, Wind, and Fire Who's in Control? Help When We Need it Most Designed for use with the When God's Spirit Moves DVD 9780310322191 (sold separately). When used together they provide a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth.

### **The Missing Piece**

In this popular bestselling book (with more than 500,000 copies sold), Gary Thomas uncovers how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. Happy is good. But holy is better. Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? Sacred Marriage doesn't just offer techniques to make a marriage happier. It does contain practical tools, but what married Christians most need is help in becoming holier husbands and wives. Sacred Marriage offers that help with insights from Scripture, church history, time tested wisdom from Christian classics, and examples from today's marriages. Sacred Marriage reveals how marriage trains us to love God and others well, how it exposes sin and makes us more aware of God's presence, how good marriages foster good prayer, how married sex feeds the spiritual life, and more. The revised edition of Sacred Marriage

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takes into account the ways men's and women's roles have expanded since the book was first written. It has been streamlined to be a faster read without losing the depth that so many readers have valued. Sacred Marriage uncovers the mystery of God's overarching purpose. This book may very well alter profoundly the contours of your marriage. It will most certainly change you. Because whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God, and to a spiritual integrity that, like salt, seasons the world around you with the savor of Christ. Also available: Sacred Marriage gift edition, small group video study and study guide, Spanish edition, and more.

### **Fierce Marriage**

Most marriage books assume the author did it right. Most marriage books barely mention friendship. Most marriage books use "intimacy" as code for "sex." This is not one of those books. In *Real Marriage*, Pastor Mark Driscoll and his wife, Grace, share how they have struggled and how they have found healing through the power of the only reliable source: the Bible. They believe friendship is fundamental to marriage but not easy to maintain. So they offer practical advice on how to make your spouse your best friend – and keep it that way. And they know from experience that sex-related issues need to be addressed directly. Five chapters are dedicated to answering questions like: Should I confess my pre-marital sexual sin to my spouse? Is it okay to have a "work spouse"? What does the Bible say about masturbation and oral sex? Stunningly honest and vulnerable, *Real Marriage* is like a personal counseling session with a couple you cannot surprise, you cannot shock into silence, who will respond to every question with wisdom, humility, and realism. If you want to have a long-lasting, fulfilling marriage you should read this book. Wrestle with this book. Pray over this book. Share this book. And discover how God can use it to change your life. Endorsements: "If you're married or plan to be someday, do yourself a favor and read every page of this book." —DRS. LES & LESLIE PARROTT Founders of RealRelationships.com and authors of Love Talk "Whether engaged, newlywed, or veteran, *Real Marriage* will serve as an invaluable resource. I highly recommend this book." —ANDY STANLEY author of *The Grace of God* and Senior Pastor, North Point Community Church "One of my greatest concerns is that culture is going to continually define and redefine what marriage is and is not, and the church is going to simply sit on the sidelines and react rather than seeking to actually become proactive by confidently teaching what the Bible has to say about it. That is why I am so thankful that Mark and Grace Driscoll wrote this book. Their approach to marriage, its benefits and challenges are transparent and challenging and I honestly believe that every married couple who will work through what they lead us through in this book will not just merely have a marriage that survives in this world but rather thrives in it." — PERRY NOBLE Senior Pastor, NewSpring Church "Our thanks to Mark and Grace Driscoll who have served this generation well by tastefully but boldly addressing the real issues facing real marriages. Taking the unchanging truth of God's word and sprinkling in is the story of God's mercy in their own marriage they have filled every chapter with real helpfulness. This book is powerful, biblical, practical and healing for marriages that hurt. My wife and our adult children read it to great profit." — DR. JAMES MACDONALD Senior Pastor, Harvest Bible Chapel and Bible teacher for Walk in the Word

### **Sacred Marriage Participant's Guide with DVD**

Raising children shapes the parent every bit as much as parents shape their children. Raising children is a sacred calling—and not for the faint of heart. In *Devotions for Sacred Parenting*, the author of *Sacred Parenting* continues the conversation and contemplates the soul-transforming

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journey of being a parent. With all new material, fifty-two devotions explore the spiritual dynamics of parenting. These life-related devotions are creative, fresh, and encouraging, inspiring mothers and fathers to look at parenting from a different perspective—as a holy and high calling from God, and as an opportunity to grow spiritually as you strive to raise godly children. Devotions for Sacred Parenting helps you understand how God is parenting you as you parent your children.

### **Sacred Marriage**

Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way Crazy Love changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, You and Me Forever will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net proceeds from this book will support various ministries including those that help provide shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of children and exploited women around the world. For more information, please visit: [youandmeforever.org](http://youandmeforever.org)

### **Practical Theology for Women**

In the revised edition of his hit book The Sacred Search, author Gary Thomas helps single people of all ages make wise marital choices, in large part by rethinking what basis those choices should be made on. Readers are encouraged to think beyond finding their "soul mate," an idea that has its roots in the philosophy of Plato, and instead adopt a more biblical search for a "sole mate"— someone who will walk with them on their spiritual journey. Thomas asks, What if we focused on why to get married more than on who to marry? What if being "in love" isn't a good enough reason to get married? And most of all, what if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?

### **Covenant Lovers - Participant Guide**

Women: you're not alone in your marriage. You never have been, and you never will be. While it may not always feel like it, God desires for you to have a relationally healthy, emotionally engaged, and spiritually mature husband with whom you can share your days. In Loving Him Well, Gary Thomas builds on concepts from his bestselling book Sacred Marriage to reveal the inner workings of a man's heart and mind. He delves into Scriptures that help women gain biblical insight to influence their husbands. Exploring the research of neuroscientists, trained counselors, and abuse victim advocates, Gary also interviews dozens of wives to find what has worked and what hasn't as they've sought to build the best marriage possible. In this newly updated version of Sacred Influence, Gary Thomas outlines practical applications you can begin using today. Thomas desires to "encourage women who are in good marriages that could get even better; and offer hope and a new path forward to women who feel invisible or marginalized in their marriage." You'll discover the influence you can gain and the peace of mind you can build when you go first to God for your worth, validation, protection, and

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provision and then learn how to use that platform to help your husband draw closer to you and closer to God. After decades of marriage ministry, ministering to couples of various walks of life in one of the largest cities in America, and gaining a new sensitivity for many of the issues facing contemporary women, Gary has rewritten this book, adding new stories and fresh illustrations to help wives understand, love, and influence their husbands. *Loving Him Well* offers encouragement and biblically based support for the transformation of your marriage, drawing you and your husband closer together, the way God intended.

### **You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity**

In this six-session small group Bible study, *Sacred Marriage*, writer and speaker Gary Thomas invites you to see how God can use marriage as a discipline and a motivation to reflect more of the character of Jesus. Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God. Everything about your marriage--from the history you and your spouse create, to the love you share, to the forgiveness you both offer and seek by turn--is filled with the capacity to help you grow in Christ's character. In addition to life-changing insights, you'll find a wealth of discussion questions in this Participant's Guide that will spark meaningful conversation in your group, between you and your spouse, or to simply ponder by yourself. You'll also find self-assessments, activities, and highlights all created to help you engage deeply and prayerfully with the content of this study. Sessions include: God's Purpose for Marriage: More Than We Imagine (24:30) The Refining Power of Marriage (12:30) The God-Centered Spouse (17:30) Sacred History (21:00) Sexual Saints (23:00) Marriage: The Love Laboratory (20:30) This pack contains one participant's guide and one DVD.

### **Sacred Parenting**

Gary Thomas, bestselling author of *Sacred Marriage*, believes that one word can bring hope, light and life into any marriage: Cherish. "Most marriages survive by gritting teeth and holding on. But marriages can and will not only survive but thrive when husbands and wives learn to cherish one another," Thomas says. And in a world desperate for marriage redemption, the act of cherishing is needed now more than ever. Thomas shows that although there are a countless number of marriages consisting of two people just going through the motions, there are real ways this pattern can be reversed: when husbands and wives learn to cherish one another in proven, loving, and everyday actions and words. Through personal stories and real-world examples, Thomas proves what husbands and wives can begin doing today to turn their marriage around - even a marriage marred by neglect and disrespect. So how do you cherish your spouse? Thomas will show you how going out of your way to notice them, appreciate them, honor them, encourage them, and hold them close to your heart will bring hope, light, and life into your marriage. Also available: *Cherish* small group video study and study guide, Spanish edition, and more.

### **The Meaning of Marriage**

Learn new approaches for strengthening the religious bonds of our aging population! Through Scripture, studies, and the personal experiences of religious leaders and congregants, *Practical Theology for Aging* offers new concepts for ministering to our older population. Each

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chapter looks at a different concern for the elderly and addresses it with the assurance that aging is part of God's great work. From scientific models and case studies to passages from both the Old and New Testaments, this volume illuminates the power of faith in keeping the elderly whole and well. Practical Theology for Aging reveals several barriers to the spiritual wellness of our elders. These include society's stereotypical views of frailty and incompetence in older people, the lack of common support by communities of faith, and the dissatisfaction of the elderly with outdated, traditional answers to their concerns of aging, suffering, and death. Each barrier can be overcome by utilizing the practical theology you will find in this book. Restated throughout the volume is the message that the journey into old age does not have to be filled with dread and fear but can be seen as a path to spiritual maturity. This book has practical suggestions that address: God's purpose for aging—why do we have to grow old? sexual health for senior citizens the suffering and physical debilitation that sometimes accompany aging afflictions like dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and how to minister to the unresponsive the inclusion of spirituality in rehabilitation to heal the whole person after catastrophic illness or injury preaching to senior citizens as opposed to preaching to a younger congregation so much more! Practical Theology for Aging presents tips and strategies for spiritual advisement as well as traditional quotes and references reminding us to respect and honor our aging men and women. Whether you are a religious leader, caretaker, family member, or esteemed elder, this book is vital for strengthening spirituality in the elderly and promoting their inclusion into the religious community.

### **Growth**

Have you ever wanted to understand the deep things of the Word but been put off by the intimidating vocabulary of theologians? Have you assumed that studying the attributes of God is for seminary students only? Or maybe "just for men"? Have heavy doctrinal themes felt beyond you and your everyday world? If so—if you've ever thought theology was too deep, too impractical, or too irrelevant for your life as a woman—this book is for you. As author Wendy Alsup explores fundamental theological issues you've always wondered about—minus the daunting vocabulary and complex sentence structure of academic tomes—she brings them into real life into your world and reveals the heart of true theology. It's really about "simple yet incredibly profound stuff that affects our daily lives," she says. Stuff like faith and gaining a right knowledge of God as the foundation for wise daily living. Alsup writes: "Truly, there is nothing like a good grasp of accurate knowledge about God to enable you to meet the practical demands of your life—the practical demands of being a daughter, mother, wife, sister, or friend." Let Practical Theology for Women show you the everyday difference that knowing God makes.

### **The Holy City**

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Saints Marriage: The Love Laboratory Designed for use with the Sacred Marriage Video Study (sold separately).

### Devotions for Sacred Parenting

In this popular bestselling book (with more than 500,000 copies sold), Gary Thomas uncovers how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. Happy is good. But holy is better. Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? Sacred Marriage doesn't just offer techniques to make a marriage happier. It does contain practical tools, but what married Christians most need is help in becoming holier husbands and wives. Sacred Marriage offers that help with insights from Scripture, church history, time tested wisdom from Christian classics, and examples from today's marriages. Sacred Marriage reveals how marriage trains us to love God and others well, how it exposes sin and makes us more aware of God's presence, how good marriages foster good prayer, how married sex feeds the spiritual life, and more. The revised edition of Sacred Marriage takes into account the ways men's and women's roles have expanded since the book was first written. It has been streamlined to be a faster read without losing the depth that so many readers have valued. Sacred Marriage uncovers the mystery of God's overarching purpose. This book may very well alter profoundly the contours of your marriage. It will most certainly change you. Because whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God, and to a spiritual integrity that, like salt, seasons the world around you with the savor of Christ. Also available: Sacred Marriage gift edition, small group video study and study guide, Spanish edition, and more.

### Loving Him Well

Ryan and Selena Frederick were newlyweds when they landed in Switzerland to pursue Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life--or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst. When Ryan survived, they both realized that they still had a future together. But the near loss changed the way they saw all that would lie ahead. They would live and love fiercely, fighting for each other and for a Christ-centered marriage, every step of the way. Fierce Marriage is their story, but more than that, it is a call for married couples to put God first in their relationship, to measure everything they do and say to each other against what Christ did for them, and to see marriage not just as a relationship they should try to keep healthy but also as one worth fighting for in every situation. With the gospel as their foundation, Ryan and Selena offer hope and practical help for common struggles in marriage, including communication problems, sexual frustration, financial stress, family tension, screen-time disconnection, and unrealistic expectations.

### Kingdom Marriage Devotional

Romancing The Heart: Spirit Matters (Book 1)- is a book for all generations to delve into. It searches out the matter of the spirit and purpose of each person involved in a relationship, seeking to become one in matrimony, and goals. It is studied from God-perspective and intent and takes the veils off of insights and preconceived notions that hinder couples from entering

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into a bond in marriage that defies the true unity, oneness, love and mutual respects of each person in that relationship. It is a worthwhile read that is sure to enable couples to enter into a new realization of what marriage is and what it is not as it relates to each individual couple therein. What better way to learn the purpose of this thing called marriage, than to take a good look at it from God's point of view, and in His word that shines greater light on relationships between husbands and wives, than most would dare to realize and be guided in.

### **Unglued**

Covenant Lovers inspires couples to practice and integrate godly principles to create, enhance or reclaim a vibrant sexual intimacy that is mutually satisfying and lifelong. We all yearn for a passionate marriage overflowing with love so lavish that it fills our souls. We crave this chemistry and intimacy, and then want it to automatically produce a great sex life. Hollywood's tales of romance exploit this deep desire often leaving us feeling disappointed. We then seek magical techniques and easy answers, again finding disappointment. God gives us great latitude in the means of expression and enjoyment as long as it builds a bonding love that strengthens the covenant of marriage. You and your spouse will explore scriptural principles to help you govern behaviors and develop a repertoire of mutually agreed upon activities. Seek God's heart as you begin your own sacred adventure of building a more creative, passionate and fun-filled sex life in your own distinctive, Holy Spirit inspired way! Explore the mystery by asking: What does God want us to teach us through our sexuality and desire for our sex life? What does covenant sexuality teach us about God's love for us? What does God think about sexual pleasure and playfulness? Is it godly to learn about our bodies? Techniques that enhance pleasure? Are sexual assertiveness and creativity OK with God? God's plan for intimacy and a great sex life can be summarized: An Intimate Marriage + Mature Lovers = A Passionate and Fulfilling Sex Life. Intimate marriages share feelings, attitudes, and touches that draw the lovers closer. There will be differences in marriage, yet we can maintain accepting attitudes and bonding love. Mature Lovers are willing to be vulnerable, sharing our deepest self and receiving the deepest self of our spouse. Intimacy requires us to be willing to adjust, instead of just promoting our own reality. Intimate, mature lovemaking inspires the lovers, both individually and together, to become truly "naked and unashamed." Use this workbook in conjunction with A Celebration Of Sex by Dr. Douglas Rosenau.

### **When God's Spirit Moves Participant's Guide**

Parenting is a school for spiritual formation, says author Gary Thomas, and our children are our teachers. The journey of caring for, rearing, training, and loving our children profoundly alters us forever...even when the journey is sometimes a rough one. Sacred Parenting is unlike any other parenting book on the market. This is not a "how-to" book that teaches readers the ways to discipline their kids or help them achieve their full potential. Instead of a discussion about how parents change their children, Sacred Parenting turns the tables and demonstrates how God uses children to change their parents. Stepping beyond the overly-tilled soil of method books, parents can learn a whole new side of parenting. They'll be encouraged by stories that tell how other parents handled the challenges and difficulties of being a parent—and how their children transformed their relationship with God. The lessons the author writes about are timeless. But in this edition, Thomas adds in some additional insights and stories that he's learned and lived over the past fifteen years of his own parenting. Gary has found that the lessons have remained much the same but there are new applications for the readers in this generation who are just now coming to his book.

## **Sacred Marriage Gift Edition**

“Incredibly rich with wisdom and insight that will leave the reader, whether single or married, feeling uplifted.” —The Washington Times Based on the acclaimed sermon series by New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller, this book shows everyone—Christians, skeptics, singles, longtime married couples, and those about to be engaged—the vision of what marriage should be according to the Bible. Modern culture would have you believe that everyone has a soul mate; that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage; that your spouse is there to help you realize your potential; that marriage does not mean forever, but merely for now; and that starting over after a divorce is the best solution to seemingly intractable marriage issues. But these modern-day assumptions are wrong. Timothy Keller, with insights from Kathy, his wife of thirty-seven years, shows marriage to be a glorious relationship that is also misunderstood and mysterious. *The Meaning of Marriage* offers instruction on how to have a successful marriage, and is essential reading for anyone who wants to know God and love more deeply in this life. Look out for Timothy Keller's latest book, *The Songs of Jesus*. From the Trade Paperback edition.

## **Real Marriage Participant's Guide**

If you're sick and tired of all the ways you've tried to bring about change in your marriage—the silent treatment, nagging, one-way discussions, pleading—it's time to set aside those broken methods for a Christ-based approach. *Loving Him Well* by Gary Thomas demonstrates how women can inspire, influence, and help their husbands move in positive directions. Replacing your plan of action with God's plan leads to a marital transformation where both partners are moving toward each other, the way God intended. Gary Thomas draws concepts from his bestseller, *Sacred Marriage*, and outlines practical applications you can start using today. He also shows how marriages are transformed through these methods. In these pages, you'll also find a fresh perspective to help you understand your husband—the view of the marriage relationship through a man's eyes. Thomas gives you insider information on how men think, feel, and can truly be motivated.

## **My Awfully Wedded Life**

## **The Meaning of Marriage Study Guide**

Only when you and your mate know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can you give yourselves freely and lovingly to one another. *Boundaries in Marriage* gives you the tools you need. Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend, counselors and authors of the award-winning bestseller *Boundaries*, show you how to apply the principles of boundaries to your marriage. This book helps you understand the friction points or serious hurts and betrayals in your marriage -- and move beyond them to the mutual care, respect, affirmation, and intimacy you both long for.

## **Until Death Do You Part**

Modern culture would have you believe that everyone has a soul mate; that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage; that marriage does not mean 'til death do us part, but merely for as long as my needs are being met; and that when serious differences arise,

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divorce is the best solution. According to the Bible, all of these modern-day assumptions miss what marriage is all about. In this six-session video-based Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), Timothy Keller, along with Kathy, his wife of forty years, draws a profound portrait of marriage from the pages of Scripture that neither idealizes nor rejects the institution but points us back to the relationship between God and man. The result is a vision for marriage that is refreshingly frank and unsentimental, yet hopeful and beautiful. This study is for anyone from singles to couples considering marriage to those who have been married recently or for a long time. Sessions include: Service: Marriage Isn't about You Covenant: Created to Make Promises Roles: Loving through Mutual Submission Singleness: Strengthening the Spiritual Family Sex: The Act of Covenant Renewal Hope: Seeing the Great Horizon Designed for use with The Meaning of Marriage Video Study (sold separately).

### **Real Marriage**

What happens when a kingdom man marries a kingdom woman? Kingdom Marriage: Connecting God's Purpose with Your Pleasure helps couples grow together as a kingdom couple to fulfill God's design and purpose for their marriage. Through practical insights and powerful stories, Dr. Tony Evans inspires and instructs so couples will discover the hope, challenge, and guidance God's Word provides for their journey together. "You can reflect the glory of God and the unity of the Trinity through your shared purpose, honor, and love as a true kingdom couple." —Tony Evans Kingdom Marriage shows couples that the key to influencing our society and world with lasting impact is found in solidifying biblical marriage in the way God intended. It starts with both wife and husband reflecting God and His image and modeling that reflection within the roles and responsibilities of their union. This is based on a correct understanding of God's kingdom and their responsibilities in it. Kingdom Marriage and the Kingdom Marriage devotional and video resources are part of an entire line of Kingdom products by Tony Evans, including Kingdom Man, Kingdom Woman, Raising Kingdom Kids, and the Kingdom Quest strategy guides for kids and teens.

### **Loving Him Well**

This book is excellent for individual reading or can be used as the small group study book for the Christianity's Family Tree DVD based study. Adam Hamilton is, in my opinion, a national treasure. He embodies the kind of generous orthodoxy so many of us have been dreaming of and praying for. This book provides something truly unique—a kind of orientation to Christianity in its wide array of forms that not only educates but inspires. It's one of the few books I wish every single Christian would read and share with their friends. - Brian McLaren, author of A New Kind of Christian In this wise and practical book, Adam Hamilton serves as a trusted guide to some of the rich diversity of Christian belief and practice. It is a rare feat to acknowledge differences and distinctiveness appreciatively, and Hamilton does it with exceptional grace and insight. - L. Gregory Jones, Dean and Professor of Theology, Duke Divinity School I love this book. Adam Hamilton teaches us that we are far richer than we know, because the beauty and the fullness of the whole church is ours. Read, learn, and be happy. - John Ortberg, author of God Is Closer Than You Think In this book, Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. The traditions he examines are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen

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our own Christian faith. Also available is the planning kit for this video-based small-group study Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why. Adam Hamilton is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. Named by PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly as one of the top "Ten People to Watch," Hamilton is the author of numerous video based small group studies and books from Abingdon Press.

### **The Holy Sabbath**

Jeff and Suzanne Coulter have been married since 1987. Jeff Coulter was born in 1966 and is from Williamsburg, Ohio. A devout Christian throughout his early adulthood, Jeff reached a crossroad with the death of his mother in 1988 and found himself turning away from God. On April 22nd, 2014 Jeff was nearly killed in a head on collision. Beating the odds and surviving the crash, one week later Jeff suffered multiple pulmonary emboli. Only 1 out of 20 survive such a traumatic incident. Jeff slipped into a void of nothingness; the absolute absence of the presence of God. A void filled with demonic beings and symbolic icons of hell and death. Miraculously surviving the crash and emboli, God also delivered Jeff from alcoholism and chronic depression. Through it all there was his wife Suzanne at his side as if she belonged there by God's own invitation. Driving him along the way. Jeff has since rededicated his life to Christ and now dedicates himself to church ministries, online ministries and authoring diverse books.

### **9 Must-Have Conversations for a Doubt-Free Wedding Day**

God gave us emotions to experience life, not destroy it! Lysa TerKeurst admits that she, like most women, has had experiences where others bump into her happy and she comes emotionally unglued. We stuff, we explode, or we react somewhere in between. What do we do with these raw emotions? Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Yes, and in her usual inspiring and practical way, Lysa will show you how. Filled with gut-honest personal examples and biblical teaching, Unglued will equip you to: Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships. Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended. Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication. Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode, or react somewhere in between. Gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control.

### **Kingdom Marriage**

You planned for the first day of your marriage Are you planning for the last? While a wonderful wedding day is important, it's the last day of marriage that really counts. Will the last day of your marriage come prematurely through divorce? Will it be filled with regrets as you sit at the funeral of your spouse? Or, by God's grace, will the last day be a day to rejoice in the life you lived together? Pastor Mark Driscoll and his wife, Grace, want you to finish well on the last day. Through their book Real Marriage and the eleven-week DVD-based study they share practical help and hope with people just like them—who entered marriage a complete mess—or who are planning to be married someday and want to avoid some sticky pitfalls in the future. A companion to the Real Marriage DVD-Based Study Kit, this guide is uniquely designed for small groups, couples, and those who are considering marriage. Each session in the Participant's Guide provides engaging group study questions and essential homework for

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husbands, wives, and singles alike. Together you, your spouse, and your small group will tackle the tough issues such as friendship with your spouse, pornography and sexual assault, submission and respect, and sexual intimacy in marriage. God desires for your marriage to be full of joy and happiness as it glorifies His Son. Jesus makes such marriage possible through His death and resurrection. The Real Marriage Participant's Guide includes: Eleven sessions Homework specially designed for husbands, wives, and singles Guides for conversations with your spouse Ideas for date nights Notes for small group leaders Intended for use with the Real Marriage DVD-Based Study Kit (ISBN: 978-1-4185-5040-0) and the trade book Real Marriage

### **Crazy Love**

John Bunyan (28 November 1628 - 31 August 1688) was an English Christian writer and preacher, famous for writing *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Though he was a Reformed Baptist, in the Church of England he is remembered with a Lesser Festival on 30 August, and on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA) on August 29. As his popularity and notoriety grew, Bunyan increasingly became a target for slander and libel; he was described as "a witch, a Jesuit, a highwayman" and was said to have mistresses and multiple wives. In 1658, aged 30, he was arrested for preaching at Eaton Socon and indicted for preaching without a licence. He continued preaching, however, and did not suffer imprisonment until November 1660, when he was taken to the County gaol in Silver Street, Bedford. In that same year, Bunyan married his second wife, Elizabeth, by whom he had two more children, Sarah and Joseph. The Restoration of the monarchy by Charles II of England began Bunyan's persecution as England returned to Anglicanism. Meeting-houses were quickly closed and all citizens were required to attend their Anglican parish church. It became punishable by law to "conduct divine service except in accordance with the ritual of the church, or for one not in Episcopal orders to address a congregation." Thus, John Bunyan no longer had that freedom to preach which he had enjoyed under the Puritan Commonwealth. He was arrested on 12 November 1660, whilst preaching privately in Lower Samsell by Harlington, Bedfordshire, 10 miles south of Bedford.

### **Cherish**

What would your life be like if Jesus lived it? Imagine the change you would experience in your thoughts, actions, and relationships. Think of the joy and freedom that could transform every area of your life. That's exactly what God has in mind for you! You'll find out how in *Growth*. Through personal study and small group interaction, this study sets you on a path to live out the character of Jesus in this world as only you can. It happens not by trying hard, but by training. By cultivating spiritual disciplines--Scripture meditation, prayer, solitude, endurance, loving others--you'll discover the joy of being transformed by Christ and the freedom of living each day sustained by his power. Leader's guide included!  
*Growth* group sessions are: Training to Live Like Jesus  
The Practice of Scripture Meditation  
The Practice of Solitude  
Simple Prayer  
Three Transforming Prayers  
The Roundabout Way  
And the Greatest of These Is Love

### **For Couples Only**

This 90-day devotional is a perfect way for kingdom couples to start the day together remembering the principles they are learning in the *Kingdom Marriage* book, DVD Video Curriculum, or Participant's Guide. Couples will find daily inspiration to step together into the full role God has for them so they begin to fulfill God's design and purpose for their marriage. With practical insights and powerful stories, Tony Evans inspires and instructs couples so they

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discover the hope, challenge, and guidance God's Word provides for their journey together. Kingdom Marriage Devotional shows couples that the key to influencing our society and the world with lasting impact is found in solidifying Biblical marriage the way God intended. It starts with both wife and husband being nurtured in the Lord's presence and then reflecting His image within the roles and responsibilities of their union. Kingdom Marriage Devotional and other Kingdom Marriage products are part of an entire line of Kingdom products by Tony Evans, including Kingdom Man, Kingdom Woman, Raising Kingdom Kids, and the Kingdom Quest strategy guides for kids and teens.

### **The Sacred Search**

This special edition two-in-one book and devotional includes: Sacred Marriage Starting with the discovery that the goal of marriage goes beyond personal happiness, writer and speaker Gary Thomas invites readers to see how God can use marriage as a discipline and a motivation to love Him more and reflect more of the character of His Son. Devotions for a Sacred Marriage A companion to Sacred Marriage, these fifty-two devotions encourage you to build your marriage around God's priorities. From learning to live with a fellow sinner, to the process of two becoming one, to sharing our lives as brothers and sisters in Christ, Devotions for a Sacred Marriage challenges couples to embrace the profound and soul-stretching reality of Christian marriage.

### **Christianity's Family Tree Participant's Guide**

"Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even

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sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this book. DEACON JAMES KEATING, PH.D, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE

### **Devotions for a Sacred Marriage**

Parenting is a school for spiritual formation, says author Gary Thomas, and our children are our teachers. The journey of caring for, rearing, training, and loving our children profoundly alters us forever...even when the journey is sometimes a rough one. Sacred Parenting is unlike any other parenting book on the market. This is not a "how-to" book that teaches readers the ways to discipline their kids or help them achieve their full potential. Instead of a discussion about how parents change their children, Sacred Parenting turns the tables and demonstrates how God uses children to change their parents. Stepping beyond the overly-tilled soil of method books, parents can learn a whole new side of parenting. They'll be encouraged by stories that tell how other parents handled the challenges and difficulties of being a parent—and how their children transformed their relationship with God. The lessons the author writes about are timeless. But in this edition, Thomas adds in some additional insights and stories that he's learned and lived over the past fifteen years of his own parenting. Gary has found that the lessons have remained much the same but there are new applications for the readers in this generation who are just now coming to his book.

### **Sacred Parenting**

What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? By popular demand the author of Sacred Marriage returns to the topic of how God uses marriage to expand our souls and make us holy. Devotions for a Sacred Marriage explores how God can reveal Himself to you through your marriage and help you grow closer to Him as well as to your spouse. Fifty-two weekly devotions encourage couples to build a marriage around God's priorities. From learning to live with a fellow sinner, to the process of two becoming one, to sharing lives as brothers and sisters in Christ, Devotions for a Sacred Marriage will continue to challenge couples to embrace the profound and soul-stretching reality of Christian marriage.

### **Hidden Mountain, Secret Garden**

In 2004, For Women Only burst onto the scene to rave reviews from women who were thrilled to finally discover the truth of what men are really thinking about. Two years later, For Men Only provided an eye-opening counterpoint, with straightforward revelations for men about the seemingly mysterious ways of the opposite sex. Since their debut, these fascinating guides to the inner lives of men and women have become perennial bestsellers, selling over 1 million copies. Now the two books are available as a boxed set, the perfect resource to get couples

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talking together about what they really want and need from each other. Each book is based on a nationwide survey and more than 1,000 personal interviews. This innovative approach yields candid and surprising answers about the things each gender doesn't "get" about the other, along with practical ideas for how best to love and support the people they care about. Ideal for small-group discussions, marriage and premarital counseling, or simply helping a couple grow in intimacy, this boxed set provides fresh and relevant tools for building better relationships.

### **Romancing the Heart: Spirit Matters**

2013 GOLD MEDAL WINNER: Reader's Favorite International Book Award for Christian Romance. *The Missing Piece* by international bestselling author Carol McCormick. "Fresh dialogue, realistic characters, a powerful message. McCormick does a great job creating her characters and portraying the struggles they endure," The Romance Readers Connection How does a man pick up the pieces when his world crashes around him? Misplaced priorities shattered his marriage. Problems almost crushed him. Love motivated him to mend the damage, once he found all the pieces. After only a few months of marriage, Lorraine left Dylan on a wintry night after he'd spent one too many nights out with the guys. Unable to cope with the loss, Dylan escapes the painful feelings by drinking them away. This decision costs him a year-and-a-half of his life after he stops in a little mountain town and ends up in the local jail. When he's released, he returns home in search of a job to get his life and his wife back. *The Missing Piece* is not only a love story about a man who loves a woman, but is also a love story about a merciful God who loves mankind, even when he falls. The novel is an emotionally-charged journey of hope and redemption with a touch of spunk, a hint of humor, and a few twists along the way.

### **Sacred Marriage Participant's Guide**

Denver author Jimmy Hyten has come up with a hilarious and at times, just plain sad, recounting of his marriage gone horribly wrong. Many men will be able to relate in Jimmy's day to day exploits with his wife, from what it's like to share the same bed every night with a woman, going grocery shopping as a married couple, and of course, what happens when a husband mentions ANYTHING about his lover's weight! The anecdotes are plentiful and through the entire book, a message that is part warning and part instructional is provided by Jimmy to any male either married or about to take the plunge. How does it end for Jimmy? You'll have to read the book to find out! For fans of books like "Gone Girl," give yourself a chance to read about marriage from a male perspective with "My Awfully Wedded Life."

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