

Making Your Marriage

UNSTOPPABLE!

Through the power of prayer, God's Spirit, and God's Word:
We will sensitively equip singles, married couples, and families,
to navigate their unique challenges in following God's design for
healthy relationships.

Check For Marital Danger Signs

"Your love vanishes like the morning mist and disappears" (Hosea 6:4)

1. Uncontrolled _____ *"I discovered that there is ceaseless activity" (Eccl. 8:16)*

- Am I too busy communicating efficiently to connect intimately?
- Am I "skimming" emotionally to keep all the balls in the air?

2. Undisciplined _____ *"human desire is never satisfied." (Prov. 27:20)*

- Am I working more so I can spend more?
- Do we often fight over the finances?

3. Unresolved _____ *"Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with iron bars" (Pr. 18:19)*

- Do our misunderstandings accumulate like garbage?
- To avoid conflict do I no longer share the deep stuff?

4. Unrelieved _____ *"Everything is so weary and tiresome." (Eccl 1:8)*

- Has parenting crowded out romance?
- Have we stopped laughing and dreaming together?

Commit To Fix it Up, Not

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." (1 Cor 13:7) "Never looks back, but keeps going to the end" (Msg)

Create Couple Time

1. Simplify My _____

"There is---a time to embrace...a time to love" (Eccl. 3:5,8)

"Those who are wise will find a time and a way to do what is right" (Eccl. 8:5)

- What things can I drop to make room for together time?

2. Control My _____

"fools spend whatever they get."(Prov. 21:20) "we are never satisfied." (Eccl. 1:8)

- What " _____ " can we do without?

"Better to have one handful with quietness than two handfuls with hard work" (Eccl. 4:6)

3. Date My _____ (SOS 2:13,14)

"Arise my beloved...and come away...Let me see you; let me hear your voice"

Cultivate Companionship

*“Rejoice in the wife of your youth... May you **always be captivated by her love.**”
(Prov. 5:18,19)*

*“**train** the younger women **to love their husbands**” (Titus 2:4)*

1. Forgiving _____

*“Love prospers when a **fault is forgiven**, but dwelling on it separates close friends” (Pr. 17:9)*

2. Tender _____

“Abimelech...saw Isaac caressing Rebekah” (Gen. 26:8) “hugging, kissing, holding tenderly”

“My lovers left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me.” (SOS 2:6)

3. Encouraging _____

*“an **encouraging word** cheers a person up” (Prov. 12:25)*

“Gentle words are a tree of life” (Prov. 15:4) “kind, healing”

4. Listening _____

*“husbands...honor your wives. Treat your wives with **understanding**” (1 Peter 3:7)*

5. Helping _____

*“let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really **show it by our actions**” (1 John 3:18)*