



*Real People. Real God. Real Solutions.*

*Recap:*

*When two people get married they have dreams of what marriage will be like. Often, as time passes by, their idea of what a marriage should look like crumbles away and what is left is a relationship that is hanging by a thread. No matter how you would describe your marriage, it can only get better. So whether your marriage is on cloud nine or in the slums you can always benefit by seeing what God's word has to say about marriage.*

*1. Wives: your husband needs to be respected (Eph 5:22-24). What can you do to show him respect? Husbands, your wife needs to be loved and appreciated (Eph. 5:25f). What will you do this week to help your wife feel more appreciated?*

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*2. In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul challenges married couples to not to deprive each other of sex. Is this happening in your marriage? If so, why? If not, what can you do to keep this from happening?*

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*3. As we talk about intimacy, we must understand that God gave sex to us for enjoyment. It is the world that has polluted the nature of sexuality. Is there anything that you need to remove from your life (like movies, magazines, etc.) that has given you unrealistic expectations as to what sex is really about?*

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*4. Helpful resources to use:*

*"Fireproof Your Marriage,"*

*"The Five Love Languages," by Gary Chapman*

*"Love Must be Tough: New Hope for Marriages in Crisis," by Dr. James Dobson*