



VICTORY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT BIBLE STUDY

What Is Your Marriage *Trying To Teach You?*

The Year of Discovery, Applied to Marriage

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Tonight We Ask One Question

"What is your marriage trying to teach you?"

Your marriage is not just a relationship. Your marriage is:

A CLASSROOM

A MIRROR

A LABORATORY

A REVELATION

Still Discovering You

Each spouse shares ONE thing you have discovered about your husband or wife in the last 12 months that SURPRISED you.

Something deep

Something funny

A hidden talent

A new quirk

A new strength

Something they carry

Keep it HONEST. Keep it KIND. No roasting your spouse on Friday night.

2 minutes per spouse | Honest but kind

2026 Is the Year of Discovery

Proverbs 25:2 NKJV

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter."

GOD CONCEALS

so that we will SEEK.

GOD HIDES

so that we will DISCOVER.

GOD BURIES

so His sons and daughters will DIG.

When you stop DISCOVERING, you start DRIFTING.

Tonight we will discover four things God wants to teach you through your marriage.

Four Things God Wants You To Discover

1

Discover YOURSELF

Your marriage is a mirror.

2

Discover YOUR SPOUSE

You have not arrived.

3

Discover GOD'S DESIGN

Who He called you to be.

4

Discover SHARED DESTINY

Two walking as one.

Discover YOURSELF

Your marriage is a mirror.

Proverbs 27:17 NIV

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

KEY TEACHING

- Before marriage, you could hide. After marriage, the mirror is up 24/7.
- Your spouse has seen your best, your worst, your triggers, and your tone. You cannot hide from someone who lives with you.
- Sharpening is NEVER a quiet process. There is friction, heat, and noise.
- The friction in your marriage is not always the devil. Sometimes it is God using your spouse to expose the DULL EDGES in YOU.
- I call this the MARRIAGE MIRROR. You cannot grow until you are willing to look into it.

Discover YOURSELF

GROUP DISCUSSION

- What has your marriage revealed about YOU that you did not know or did not want to admit before you got married?
- Where has God used your spouse as a sharpening stone in your life? What has He been refining in you through them?
- Be honest: are you looking into the marriage mirror, or are you turning your face away from it?

Say together: "My marriage is my mirror. I will not look away."

Discover YOUR SPOUSE

You have not arrived.

1 Peter 3:7 AMPC

"In the same way you married men should live considerately with your wives, with an intelligent recognition of the marriage relation... realizing that you are joint heirs of the grace of God."

KEY TEACHING

- The enemy whispers: "You already know your spouse. You already have them figured out." That is a LIE.
- Your spouse at 30 is NOT your spouse at 50. People change. Seasons change. Hormones change. Dreams evolve.
- If you are still married to the version of your spouse from 10 years ago, you are married to a MEMORY.
- The word in 1 Peter means KNOW THEM deeply. Study them. Learn them. This is a LIFETIME assignment.
- The day you stop being a student of your spouse is the day your marriage starts to COAST.

Discover YOUR SPOUSE

GROUP DISCUSSION

- When was the last time you asked your spouse a NEW question about their hopes, fears, or dreams?
- What is something you have discovered about your spouse in the last 12 months that you did not know before?
- Grade yourself as a student of your spouse (A, B, C, D). What is ONE thing you could do this week to raise the grade?

Say together: "I have not arrived. I am a student of my spouse for life."

Discover GOD'S DESIGN

Who He called you to be.

Genesis 2:18 NLT

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.'"

Ephesians 5:25 NLT

"For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her."

Ephesians 5:33 NLT

"Each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

Most marriages do not fail because love ran out. They fail because the DESIGN was never learned.

God's Design for HUSBANDS and WIVES

HUSBANDS

- Called to love like CHRIST loved the church.
- Sacrificial. Laying-down-your-life. Serving.
- Christ did not boss the church into submission. He WASHED HER FEET.
- Not a roommate with a paycheck. A covering.
- She should feel SAFER with you than anywhere on earth.

WIVES

- Designed as a STRONG ALLY, not a silent decoration.
- Respect and honor are not weakness. They are spiritual COVER.
- The "helper suitable" is a warrior shoulder-to-shoulder.
- Your voice matters. Your wisdom matters. Your walk with God matters.
- A godly wife sees what her husband cannot. A wise husband LISTENS.

Discover GOD'S DESIGN

GROUP DISCUSSION

- MEN: where is the gap between loving your wife like Christ loves the church and how you actually loved her THIS WEEK?
- WOMEN: where is the gap between being the strong ally God designed you to be and how you actually showed up THIS WEEK?
- What is ONE area where you sense God asking you to step more fully into HIS design for your role?

Say together: "I will step into HIS design, not the world's template."

Discover Your SHARED DESTINY

Two walking as one.

Amos 3:3 NKJV

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

Mark 10:8 NLT

"and the two are united into one. Since they are no longer two but one."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NLT

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed... A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."

Your marriage is not a DUET. Your marriage is a MISSION.

God put you together for an assignment you cannot fulfill alone.

Discover Your SHARED DESTINY

GROUP DISCUSSION

- What has God called the two of you to do TOGETHER that neither of you can do alone?
- If you had to write a ONE-SENTENCE mission statement for your marriage, what would it say?
- Name ONE thing you want to BUILD together in the next 12 months. (Family, finances, ministry, business, legacy.)

Say together: "Our marriage has a mission. We will not drift."

The Discovery Card

SIDE 1

"Tonight I discovered ____."

SIDE 2

*"In this next season, I want to discover
____ about my marriage."*

1. EXCHANGE cards with your spouse.

3. PRAY over each other.

2. READ them out loud to each other.

4. TAPE the card on the bathroom mirror.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Stand. Hold your spouse's hand. Declare this together.

- Father, I thank You for the gift of marriage.
- I will NOT coast in my marriage. I will DISCOVER.
- I will discover MYSELF through the mirror You placed in my home.
- I will discover MY SPOUSE. They are a treasure I am still uncovering.
- I will discover YOUR DESIGN for me as a husband or a wife.
- I will discover the SHARED DESTINY You placed on our marriage.
- I refuse to drift. I refuse to coast. I refuse to settle.
- I am a student of my spouse and a steward of this covenant.
- This is the YEAR OF DISCOVERY, and I will not miss what You have for me.
- GREATER IS COMING FOR US!

I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen!



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This is Today's Word. Apply it and prosper!

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