

The Powers in Marriage

Marriage brings out things _____ in you like no other relationship will.

Eph 4:15-16 (Msg) God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love - like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. The Old Way Has to Go

Marriage has powers that we must _____ and _____.

The Power of _____ - Facing the Worst

Marriage is the most _____ relationship with another person possible and you are therefore _____ to deal with the flaws and sins of the other person.

Marriage doesn't bring you into _____ with your spouse near as much as it brings you into confrontation with _____.

Instead of seeing the power of truth as a _____, we need to receive it as a _____.

Rom 7:15-20 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.....As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing....it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

“Someone better” is the _____ version of the person you're already married to.

Give one another _____ to hold each other accountable, using the power of truth to bring _____ and change.

Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

The Power of _____ - Renewing the Heart

The power to _____ you and heal you of the wounds and hurts of your life.

Knowing God loves me gives the strongest _____ any human being can have.

Determine what _____ love to your spouse the most.

God expressed his glory and his love for us in a form we could _____ to.

We only "hear" love when it's _____ in a way we understand.

Quality time - Words of Affirmation - Gifts - Acts of Service - Physical Touch

Rarely do a husband and wife _____ the same primary love language.

When your love tank is full you feel _____. When your love tank is empty, you are tempted to feel used, taken advantage of, and resentful.

Don't abuse love languages. Don't _____ the love language in order to hurt.

Love and truth must be _____.

Truth without love causes _____. Love without truth will give the illusion of unity but stops the journey and _____.

The Power of _____ - Reconciling

Makes it possible to practice the two most important skills in marriage:

_____ and _____

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. "

We are to forgive _____, then go and discuss the offense.

If you confront first, you aren't telling the truth for _____ sake you are doing it for _____ sake.

What does it take to know the power of grace? _____

You can't create the power of grace, you can only _____ it.

Our _____ hurt Jesus more than your spouse's sins _____ you, and yet He forgives.

2 Cor 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.