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(Read in First Person as Nathan's wife)

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Compl (e-i) menting Your Spouse

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- When 2 or more words have the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins or spellings.

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 - **Husband and Wife**

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 - I am proud of you
 - Your smile lights up a room

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 - He created a companion for us that complements each other.

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A couple holding hands in a field. The image is split vertically. The left side shows a person in a plaid shirt and jeans. The right side shows a person in a grey sweater. The background is a soft-focus field. There are decorative elements: a vertical orange bar on the left, a horizontal cyan bar at the top, a horizontal grey bar at the top right, a yellow dotted arrow pointing up on the right, and a vertical orange bar at the bottom right. Small white 'x' marks are scattered across the image.

**Complementing each other is not to be
confused with completing each other.**

We are not made to complete each other.

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 - Where one is weak the other is strong

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A couple is shown from the waist down, holding hands in a grassy field. A large black triangle is superimposed over the image, with 'GOD' at the top vertex, 'HUSBAND' at the bottom-left vertex, and 'WIFE' at the bottom-right vertex. The background is a soft-focus landscape with a light sky. There are decorative elements: a vertical orange bar on the left, a horizontal light blue bar at the top center, a horizontal grey bar at the top center, a horizontal brown bar and a horizontal light blue bar on the right, and a vertical orange bar on the right. A yellow dotted pattern is visible behind the 'WIFE' text.

GOD

HUSBAND

WIFE

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**Every broken marriage involves at least
one partner moving away from God**

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A couple holding hands in a field. The image is split vertically, with the left side showing the couple and the right side being a light yellow background with a yellow arrow graphic pointing up and right. The text is centered over the image.

**By God putting us together,
we can accomplish so much more
our marriage, family, and life.**

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- Are you seeking God to bring out the best in your Husband/Wife?

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Criticism in Marriage = when we focus on what our partner DID and critique, correct, blame, nitpick or try to fix them.

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- **Myles Sweeney** - "What gets encouraged (complimented) gets repeated."

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:11-** "Therefore encourage (compliment or put courage in) one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

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 - Ask God to show you prophetic vision for your spouse

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 - Our words are used to soften and heal

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- **Proverbs 21:9** - "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than a house shared with a quarreling wife."

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- Joyce Meyer

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