



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

## How do you keep the fire burning in a marriage?

### 1. You must continually stay **connected to God**.

Next to the gift of life itself, and the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, marriage is one of the greatest gifts God ever gave us. God did not create marriage to make you happy, but to make you holy. Is God the center of your marriage? Are you staying connected to God daily, not just on Sunday? Do you allow God's Word to transform your selfish nature into one that is selfless, therefore building up your spouse? God is your strong tower! Stay connected to Him.

*Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 61:3; Ephesians 4:21-24; Ephesians 5:21-22; Ephesians 5:25*

### 2. You must continually **charge it up**.

Marriage is tough, it takes work, but it is so worth it! These three deposits will help you keep your marriage charged up.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> DEPOSIT: Celebrate their **uniqueness**.

Your spouse was created in the image of God. They are unique. Do you celebrate your spouse's uniqueness, or do you find yourself comparing them to others?

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> DEPOSIT: Communicate their **value** (in their love languages).

A) Words of Affirmation: Do you know and speak your spouse's love language?

B) Quality Time: Are you giving your spouse your full and focused attention?

C) Physical Touch: Do you express your love through a gentle caress?

D) Acts of Service: Do you do things for your spouse out of love, or to get something in return?

E) Gifts: When was the last time you wrote a note or gave a gift to show your love?

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> DEPOSIT: Care for them **unconditionally**.

Can you say to your spouse, "I love you no matter what?"

A) **Forgive** – as God has forgiven us. Are you holding on to hurts that are weakening your marriage? Is there something you need to forgive?

*Ephesians 4:32*

B) **Never give up** on your marriage. Do you seek to stand firm in your marriage? Will you stay connected to God and continually charge up your relationship?

*Ephesians 6:10-13*

### What's Next

- If you are not already praying together, start TODAY!
- Learn your spouse's love language. (5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman)
- Set up a regular date night with your spouse.
- Strengthen your marriage through godly resources: His Needs, Her Needs by William Harley, Jr.