

MY MARRIAGE STARTED ROCKY

Before marriage, I dreamed about how happy I would be when we got married. I had visions of all the wonderful things my wife would do for me. Sausage and eggs together in the mornings. Candlelight dinners at night. Holding hands all day long and sex every night. I assumed that she had the same visions.

But, after marriage I found out that my wife didn't do mornings. So much for the sausage and eggs. She anticipated that I would take her out to romantic restaurants for dinner, not as a prelude to sex, but simply because I loved her.

I expressed my disappointment with her and she expressed her disappointment with me. We succeeded in being utterly miserable. Our marriage didn't turn around overnight but it did turn around. And so can yours... It all has to do with attitude.

– Dr. Gary Chapman (author of The Five Love Languages),
in his book *The Family You've Always Wanted*

For these chilly fall evenings, consider
reading to each other Dr. Chapman's
The Marriage You've Always Wanted



RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

Marriage is one life's most rewarding relationships.

It is a challenge to build a strong, God-honoring relationship. Whether you are 18 or 80, dating, engaged, or married, there is a stimulating class or seminar for the two of you.

Marriage Coach Training If you have a healthy marriage, you and your spouse are invited to become a coach couple. During our 24 hours of training, you will learn to use a proven curriculum that offers hope and practical skills to couples in all stages of their relationship. Couples are saving their marriages with the support of couples coaches like you! Beginning Oct 5 at US Digital Outreach Center, Vancouver. Details: www.MarriageTeam.org.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) offers marriage help, has aided tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the June program beginning with a weekend on Oct 12-14. Details: (503) 225-9191 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Woodland Christian Church Marriage Seminar

Enjoy a wonderful day learning what the Bible says about marriage, while growing in your relationship with your spouse and your relationship with Christ! Pastors Scott LaPierre and Doug Connell, teaching. Saturday, Oct 20. Price: FREE and lunch is provided!!! Questions? Contact Pastor Scott LaPierre: pastorsscott@woodlandchristian.net

Weekend to Remember A time to renew your love and commitment to one another, to reminisce all the reasons why you married, and to restore a little romance in your relationship. It is a weekend to discover the blueprints for a healthy, happy marriage. Nov 16-18 at Portland Marriott. Details at

www.WeekToRemember.com.

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