

# Need a marriage counselor? I'm available. – God

“Leave your troubles with the Lord, and he will defend you.”  
Psalm 55:22 (God Speaks Bible)

God could have used any number of analogies to illustrate His relationship with His followers: employer/employee, teacher/student, coach/athlete, and even master/slave. But the one He chose was groom/bride. Clearly, the relationship between husbands and wives is important to Him.

And since He invented marriage, God is intimately aware of its challenges and struggles. That's why He packed the Bible with advice on relationships and how to keep them strong and healthy. That's why He instructed marriage partners to be humble, avoid demanding their own way, and make sacrifices for each other.

Remember that when you love, forgive, praise, care for, and celebrate your spouse, you are honoring a relationship God Himself created. You also receive a better understanding of how much God cherishes you and how much patience He practices in His relationship with you.

Come to God and express your marital frustrations and disappointments. He will listen and understand. He will show you how to restore life and love to your marriage relationship. He will also help you see how you can become a better marriage partner. God's advice is always wise. He is 100 percent fair. And the rates aren't bad, either.

– Charles Robb, from his book  
*God Speaks*

Enjoy Dave and Claudia Arp's new book *10 Great Dates: Connecting Faith, Love and Marriage.*



EVERY  
MARRIAGE  
MATTERS

## RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

### Your marriage can be one of your 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 class or seminar for the two of you.

**Restored and Remarried Seminar** Been remarried for awhile or contemplating the idea? Restored and Remarried will encourage and equip couples for the step family adventure. This seminar is fun and interactive and it's most definitely, "guy friendly." Fri-Sat, Sep 20-21 at US Digital Outreach Center, Vancouver. Details at [www.restoredandremarried.com](http://www.restoredandremarried.com)

**Date Night Challenge Kick Off** Join us in welcoming Dave and Claudia Arp, popular speakers and award-winning authors of the *10 Great Date* book series. They are a fun couple who have appeared on the NBC Today Show, CBS This Morning, and Focus on the Family. A FREE event 7:00 pm Fri, Sep 27, at New Song Community Church, 2511 MLK. Register at [info@everymarriagematters.org](mailto:info@everymarriagematters.org).

**Ultimate Great Dates Seminar** by Dave and Claudia Arp designed to help couples connect and grow together spiritually. Based on their new book, *10 Great Dates: Connecting Faith, Love and Marriage*. Most of Saturday, Sep 28, at Abiding Place Christian Fellowship, 4536 NE 116<sup>th</sup>. Info at <http://tinyurl.com/opyro5u>.

**Your Date Night Challenge:** Do 4 dates in 4 weeks during October. Plan ahead to have fun, be spontaneous. Revisit pleasures from memory lane, explore opportunities to make new memories. Enjoy each other! Make this October your best October yet!

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