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Five Minutes for Marriage September 2015

**The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man
and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children.**

G K Chesterton

Dear

Welcome to the attendees of the 4th Annual Date Night PDX Comedy Night. Thanks for coming and having fun. Plans are under way for Comedy Night 2016, we will keep you posted..

If this is your first issue of Five Minutes for Marriage there is probably an article that meets your needs. And we'd appreciate it if you forwarded it to friends. Note that if this free monthly newsletter will only collect dust in your inbox, you may unsubscribe at the end of this page.

We encourage you to get serious about dating and making it a priority in your relationship. Set a goal for dating, plan some fun, and post on your calendar. Don't let anything short of a Columbus Day Storm (back in October of 1962 for you youngsters) stop you from dating.

We have fun resources online at DateNightPDX.org and EveryMarriageMatters.org that offer date ideas, and even an easy-to-read research paper with proof that having fun dates often is huge for your relationship.

Tom Dressel

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A quote from Francis Chan's book, *You and Me Forever*

[Weekend to Remember](#) returns to Portland November 20-22 at the [Jantzen Beach Red Lion](#). Great marriages don't just happen. It's a weekend to discover the blueprints for a healthy, happy marriage. Sponsored by the FamilyLife division of CRU. Save \$100 by using the group 'MarriagePDX'. [Pastors](#) are eligible for Free Registration. Be pro-active with your marriage by attending a Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway this year.

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[Marriage Coach Training](#) starting October 2 would be a great way to build coaches for your couples in your church and community. This Vancouver, WA training is free to husbands and wives attending together. The expectation is that most attendees will decide to become coaches for MarriageTeam. While coach training is a marriage enrichment experience in itself, the purpose of the training is to strengthen and save more marriages through marriage coaching.

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[3 Ways to Protect Your Marriage From Fatal Blows.](#)

Some married couples, they seek help too late. One or both of them have been delivering relational blows for so long, that it has fatally wounded their marriage. What starts off as frustration, evolves into hurtful words and behavior that evolves into hatred and eventually into something worse, complete and utter apathy. ... For most couples, it doesn't have to end like this. If they had focused on keeping their marriage healthy, before it got sick, they wouldn't find themselves in so much pain. But most of us weren't taught how to focus on our marriage. (By Ted Lowe, MarriedPeople)

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[7 Truths About Marriage You Won't Hear in the Church.](#)

For as big of a role as marriage plays in the Church - we sure are missing some of the important points on it! I am grateful for the foundation the church gave me in regards to marriage. It was a good study guide. But there some things I did not learn until marriage began. So, I am going to give you some answers that some of you might not expect to see. I grew up in church. I spent most of my time with Christian people. I was told much about marriage. But these 7 truths about marriage I never heard in church. (Frank Powell, FaithIt.com)

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['A Christ-Centered Wedding' Counters Culture's Pressures.](#) A review of the book "A Christ-Centered Wedding: Rejoicing in the Gospel on Your Big Day," by Catherine Strode Parks and her mother Linda Strode, reminds couples what God originally intended for the sacred marriage ceremony. One of their main goals is to free couples from the culture-driven idea that you need to re-imagine your wedding, and your marriage, in order to make it 'unique.' (by Erin Roach, Baptist Press)

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[Wedding Bible Readings:](#) Why 1 Corinthians 13 may not be the best choice, and what you could have instead. The author worries that Paul's sublime, God-breathed words in 1 Corinthians have been co-opted and corrupted by a wedding industry that celebrates romantic love, which is all about hormones, at the expense of Christian love, which is all about commitment. (Mark Woods, Christian Today (British))

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[What Happens When Couples Pray.](#)

In preparation for our 30-Day Oneness Prayer Challenge in September, we asked other couples about the difference prayer makes in their lives. Here are some of their stories. (FamilyLife)

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[What I Wish I'd Known Before I Got Divorced.](#) Hopefully you can learn from the author's mistakes. As a psychologist, she has heard many people consider the possibility of ending their marriage. They look at divorce as a solution to their marital woes, a viable answer to their pain and frustration. Ultimately, however, it creates only different problems. In a recent study researchers asked, "Does divorce make people happy?" They found that those who ended their troubled marriage in divorce weren't any happier than those who remained married. In fact, two-thirds of those who stayed married reported happy marriages five years later. (Georgia Shaffer, Today's Christian Woman)

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[What Should Be the Husband's 'Role' in Marriage?](#) The Scriptures clearly give us the model for being a man, a husband and father. These concepts will help you understand the biblical role of a husband more clearly than ever before. When correctly interpreted and applied, these concepts not only result in freedom for the husband and wife, but also help you work better as a team to combat isolation and conflict in your marriage. (By Dennis Rainey, FamilyLife)

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[What Should Be the Wife's "Role" in Marriage?](#) The confusion in today's culture about "roles" in marriage compels us to understand what the Bible says about the unique responsibilities God assigns to a wife. It's important for us to look clearly at what the Bible says on this subject. And while the Bible doesn't apply our modern word "role" to marriage, the Scriptures are clear about the unique responsibilities God assigns to a wife. (By Barbara Rainey, FamilyLife)

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[When You're Attracted to Someone Who Isn't Your Spouse.](#) Every affair begins with a temptation-an attraction. Unfortunately, most of us have no idea what to do when a man other than your husband starts to pay attention to you. It feels good to be pursued again, especially if your marriage is in the doldrums. While temptation is unavoidable, sin is still inexcusable. Even if you feel overwhelmingly attracted to another man (or woman), unfaithfulness doesn't have to be your destiny. God has promised to provide a way out for those who are willing to run to him. The author suggests 5 ways to handle this temptation. (Dr Juli Slattery, Today's Christian Woman)

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Last Words

Jesus is clear: not everyone is headed for eternal life. Few find it. So rather than jumping to the symptoms of an unhealthy marriage, let's focus on something more vital. This must be at the heart of our marriages because it makes a marriage either wonderful or destructive. -- Francis Chan in "[You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity.](#)"

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What a precious gift our Lord has given you: your spouse! Treasure that gift as you treasure your relationship with God. Strengthen both of these relationships by spending time with them. Pray together! Rejoice together! Laugh together!

Rejoicing,

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