

## ***Sacred Influence* by Gary Thomas**

### **Worksheets for Discussion**

#### **Introduction: God Hears and Sees**

1. God sees and hears \_\_\_\_\_ taking place in your \_\_\_\_\_ and relationships....  
He also knows the \_\_\_\_\_ ways in which a woman can profoundly \_\_\_\_\_ a man. p. 14
2. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ a man. But you can \_\_\_\_\_ him or move him. p.15
3. Since God designed marriage, you should look \_\_\_\_\_ to Him about how you can best encourage, \_\_\_\_\_, challenge, and \_\_\_\_\_ influence the man you married. p. 15
4. Your husband isn't the only \_\_\_\_\_ person in your relationship. You also contribute \_\_\_\_\_ every day. p. 15
5. God desires to work on your own \_\_\_\_\_ every bit as much as He desires to have \_\_\_\_\_ influence in your \_\_\_\_\_ life. p. 16
6. God truly \_\_\_\_\_ you. He really is \_\_\_\_\_ familiar with your situation. He wants to give you \_\_\_\_\_ on how a woman can create a \_\_\_\_\_ influence. 16
7. With God, all things are \_\_\_\_\_. p. 16

#### **Chapter 1: The Glory of a Godly Woman**

1. Women tend to be more \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationships and \_\_\_\_\_ than are men. p. 19
2. Some women never rise above a \_\_\_\_\_ propensity to define themselves according to their \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ by men. p. 20
3. "And don't be wishing you were someplace \_\_\_\_\_ or with \_\_\_\_\_ else. Where you are \_\_\_\_\_ now is \_\_\_\_\_ place for you. Live and \_\_\_\_\_ and love and \_\_\_\_\_ right there. God, not your \_\_\_\_\_, defines your life." p.21  
*1 Corinthians 7:17, The Message*
4. The type of woman who \_\_\_\_\_ her man is a woman who also \_\_\_\_\_ her man. p.21
5. More important than your business savvy or social skills is your \_\_\_\_\_. This is what will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that are so necessary for being a godly \_\_\_\_\_ agent in your marriage. And it will \_\_\_\_\_ your husband immensely. p. 22
6. The first step toward influencing your man is becoming....the \_\_\_\_\_ person \_\_\_\_\_ created you to be, in all your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 22

7. Define yourself based on your relationship to \_\_\_\_\_: "I matter because I'm made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, am \_\_\_\_\_ by God, and am regularly empowered by God to make a difference in this world." p. 22
8. Thousands of years before \_\_\_\_\_ had become a word, God repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ for women, giving them a \_\_\_\_\_ place in the story of all stories. p. 25
9. The Bible presents a woman as a \_\_\_\_\_ image bearer of God, able to stand against the \_\_\_\_\_, powerfully \_\_\_\_\_ men and culture....as she lives the life \_\_\_\_\_ created her to live. Despite the negative messages you may have received...you need to:
- understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of being a woman made in \_\_\_\_\_ image
  - experience the \_\_\_\_\_ you have as the recipient of His \_\_\_\_\_
  - find \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you have as His daughter p. 26
10. God, not your \_\_\_\_\_ or the condition of your \_\_\_\_\_, defines your life. p. 26
11. Men and women aren't the \_\_\_\_\_, but they are \_\_\_\_\_ in God's eyes and there is a \_\_\_\_\_ glory in both genders. p. 26
12. If you're trying to find your \_\_\_\_\_ refuge in your \_\_\_\_\_, if you've centered your \_\_\_\_\_ on him, if your security depends on his \_\_\_\_\_, and if you will do almost anything to gain his \_\_\_\_\_ --- then you've just given to a \_\_\_\_\_ what rightfully belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ alone. And that means you've turned marriage into \_\_\_\_\_ . p. 27
13. You can't love a false idol \_\_\_\_\_.....You may \_\_\_\_\_ it for a \_\_\_\_\_ but eventually that idol's \_\_\_\_\_ will show and you'll become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.....a human man \_\_\_\_\_ love you as God created you to be loved. p. 27
14. Your \_\_\_\_\_ depends on \_\_\_\_\_, not on a \_\_\_\_\_ man. Your \_\_\_\_\_ rests with your \_\_\_\_\_ Creator's providence, not with your husband's paycheck. Your \_\_\_\_\_ as a person became \_\_\_\_\_ when God \_\_\_\_\_ you, not when your husband \_\_\_\_\_ to you. p. 27-28
15. If you truly want to love, \_\_\_\_\_, and influence your husband, your first step must be to \_\_\_\_\_ and to stay \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. Find your \_\_\_\_\_, security, \_\_\_\_\_, strength, and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. p. 28
16. If you \_\_\_\_\_ while still married to your \_\_\_\_\_, you'll be in the \_\_\_\_\_. Sooner or later you're probably going to have to live \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 28
17. You must not accept any \_\_\_\_\_ that gives you \_\_\_\_\_ than the Bible offers you. p. 28

## Chapter 2: The Strength of a Godly Woman

1. A psychoneurological term to describe a man's reluctance to change = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Men don't normally \_\_\_\_\_ if what they've been doing seems  
to be \_\_\_\_\_ for them. p. 29
2. It's not \_\_\_\_\_ pain that motivates him, but \_\_\_\_\_ pain. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_  
to create an environment in which the status quo becomes more \_\_\_\_\_ than the experience  
of \_\_\_\_\_. p. 30
3. Don't pretend that Satan won't exploit it [ your hurt or gaping need] or that you won't be  
\_\_\_\_\_ by another \_\_\_\_\_ who happens to be \_\_\_\_\_ exactly where your  
husband is \_\_\_\_\_.....you must honestly accept your \_\_\_\_\_ and be  
willing to \_\_\_\_\_ a climate in which your spouse will be motivated by his \_\_\_\_\_. p.31
4. A husband won't respect his \_\_\_\_\_ for putting up with his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior, and this  
attitude [passive acceptance] will only \_\_\_\_\_ his disrespectful \_\_\_\_\_. p. 31
5. If you can stand \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your identity and in your relationship  
with \_\_\_\_\_, courageously making it \_\_\_\_\_ how you will and will not be treated,  
you will be \_\_\_\_\_ to see how the respect you show for yourself rubs off on your husband. 32
6. You have more \_\_\_\_\_ over your husband than you \_\_\_\_\_. When you  
are a woman of \_\_\_\_\_, the last thing your husband wants is to \_\_\_\_\_. If he  
thinks he can have you and his aberrant \_\_\_\_\_, he'll take \_\_\_\_\_. p. 32
7. God's provision and \_\_\_\_\_ will help you face the consequences of \_\_\_\_\_.  
God won't leave you \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of what happens. God, not your \_\_\_\_\_  
status, defines your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 32
8. Once you understand your status before \_\_\_\_\_, you need \_\_\_\_\_ again live at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of man's \_\_\_\_\_. p. 33
9. The threat of a husband's \_\_\_\_\_ his wife is perhaps the greatest possible \_\_\_\_\_  
for a husband. The Bible is very specific and very limiting regarding what constitutes an acceptable  
\_\_\_\_\_. Discontentment, seeming \_\_\_\_\_, and mere  
\_\_\_\_\_ don't qualify. "A woman's \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God and used for His purposes, not our \_\_\_\_\_." p. 33
10. The most \_\_\_\_\_ thing you can do in an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship is  
\_\_\_\_\_. p. 34
11. Merely "wishing" that your husband would \_\_\_\_\_, merely " \_\_\_\_\_" your  
marriage to be different, won't do \_\_\_\_\_. p. 35
12. The current challenges in your marriage may well be God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you to become  
the \_\_\_\_\_ woman He created you to be. p. 36

### Chapter 3: Be Worthy of Me

1. You definitely can't \_\_\_\_\_ another human being....but you can act in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_ [in the other] is most likely. p. 37
2. Nothing compares to being married to a \_\_\_\_\_ woman....\_\_\_\_\_. And nothing gets more \_\_\_\_\_ more quickly than living with a narcissist or a \_\_\_\_\_ wife or a \_\_\_\_\_ one. p. 39
3. The reason it's so important for you to \_\_\_\_\_ on your own \_\_\_\_\_ is so that you can \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of \_\_\_\_\_, which constantly tempts us to focus on \_\_\_\_\_ our spouses while neglecting our own \_\_\_\_\_. p. 39
4. How is God using the \_\_\_\_\_ of living with an \_\_\_\_\_ man to teach you how to grow in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?.....to teach you how to deny yourself, take up your \_\_\_\_\_ and follow Him? p. 40
5. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you as you face this problem with strength, \_\_\_\_\_, dignity, and \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom.....Spiritual growth takes place by \_\_\_\_\_ though difficult times. p.40
6. God can use your \_\_\_\_\_ to make you a stronger, \_\_\_\_\_, more complete woman----provided you don't \_\_\_\_\_ from the challenges that being married to your husband represents. p. 41
7. It is entirely \_\_\_\_\_ and healthy to dream big things for your husband, but that's very different from selfishly \_\_\_\_\_ those things.....When you demand that someone \_\_\_\_\_ for your sake, you're literally trying to bend the world around your \_\_\_\_\_, your needs, and your \_\_\_\_\_. That's pride, \_\_\_\_\_, and self-centeredness----and God will never \_\_\_\_\_ that. p. 41
8. You cannot dig a hole so \_\_\_\_\_ that it cuts your off from God's \_\_\_\_\_, care, and life-giving \_\_\_\_\_. p. 42
9. While you may never achieve the \_\_\_\_\_ you have in mind, you \_\_\_\_\_, without questions, change the equation of your marriage by remodeling \_\_\_\_\_. p. 43

### Chapter 4: The Widow at Zarephath: Understanding a Man's Deepest Thirst

1. Their spouses' \_\_\_\_\_ points become so \_\_\_\_\_ that the women no longer see them, much less \_\_\_\_\_ them. But when one \_\_\_\_\_ rears its ugly head, all else gets \_\_\_\_\_ from memory. p. 49
2. In a poll of a \_\_\_\_\_ men, just \_\_\_\_\_ percent...only one out of ten...believe their wives \_\_\_\_\_ them more than they love their wives. p. 49
3. The first widow to respond said, "The thing I can't stand is when I hear wives \_\_\_\_\_ about their husbands." p. 49

4. To move a man, you have to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ him for who he \_\_\_\_\_, and for what he has \_\_\_\_\_. [Some wives] know their husbands can't be \_\_\_\_\_; but in reality, they \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that they're not. p. 52
5. To live with a \_\_\_\_\_ is to live with someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to let you down....not just once or twice, but in \_\_\_\_\_ ways. p. 52
6. Only one \_\_\_\_\_ man ever walked this earth, and he \_\_\_\_\_ 53
7. As soon as you marry a real man, you're going to have to \_\_\_\_\_ to let go of certain \_\_\_\_\_. A real man will be a \_\_\_\_\_. When you marry a real person, you're going to be \_\_\_\_\_ against; you're going to be \_\_\_\_\_; you're going to be \_\_\_\_\_. That's real life. p. 53
8. Your job as a wife is to \_\_\_\_\_ to stay \_\_\_\_\_ to your husband's \_\_\_\_\_. Resist the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ to another husband's \_\_\_\_\_, while forgetting your husband's strengths and that other husband's weaknesses. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your husband for being less than \_\_\_\_\_; he can't be anything else. p. 54
9. Husbands detect \_\_\_\_\_ with uncanny accuracy. p. 54
10. Rule number one for \_\_\_\_\_ your man is this: stop \_\_\_\_\_ your husband for \_\_\_\_\_. He wants to feel \_\_\_\_\_, special, and \_\_\_\_\_ p55
11. Even if your husband \_\_\_\_\_ changes, even if every \_\_\_\_\_ habit, every neglected \_\_\_\_\_, every annoying character \_\_\_\_\_ stays exactly the \_\_\_\_\_, then, for your own \_\_\_\_\_, you need to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ this man \_\_\_\_\_. Your first step....is to \_\_\_\_\_, accept, and even \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ husband. p. 56
12. Can you see the \_\_\_\_\_ in your husband, even when he's at his \_\_\_\_\_? p. 58

### **Chapter 5: The Zarephath Legacy: How You Can Learn to Appreciate an Imperfect Man**

1. You will have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ human tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ over your husband's \_\_\_\_\_. ....Make the daily \_\_\_\_\_ choice of focusing on qualities for which you feel \_\_\_\_\_. The time \_\_\_\_\_ come when you can \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ ----after you've established a \_\_\_\_\_ foundation of love and \_\_\_\_\_. p. 60-61
2. Guys rise to \_\_\_\_\_. When someone compliments us, we want to keep that person's positive \_\_\_\_\_ intact. We love how it feels when our wives \_\_\_\_\_ us; we get a \_\_\_\_\_ like nothing else when we hear her \_\_\_\_\_ or see that look of \_\_\_\_\_ in her eyes---and we will all but travel the ends of the earth to \_\_\_\_\_ it coming. p. 61
3. You are likely more apt to define your husband by his \_\_\_\_\_ days than you are to accept the \_\_\_\_\_ days as the \_\_\_\_\_. Thank him for the good and thereby \_\_\_\_\_ the good. p. 61

4. Nurture instead of \_\_\_\_\_. (bold print page 62)  
Maybe you even married a deeply \_\_\_\_\_ man. Unfortunately, hurting men \_\_\_\_\_ 62
5. Give your husband the benefit of the \_\_\_\_\_. (bold print page 63)  
He's not \_\_\_\_\_ to be stubborn, \_\_\_\_\_, or unfeeling; he just honestly doesn't know what you \_\_\_\_\_ or what he's supposed to do. p. 63
6. It is far \_\_\_\_\_ to be direct and ask for help than to hope he \_\_\_\_\_ what you need. p. 64
7. Your husband, because he is a \_\_\_\_\_, deserves \_\_\_\_\_. You may disagree with his \_\_\_\_\_; you may object to the way he \_\_\_\_\_ things, but according to the Bible, his \_\_\_\_\_ calls you to give him proper respect. If you withhold this \_\_\_\_\_, your husband may very well stop \_\_\_\_\_ you. 65
8. It takes great spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to love \_\_\_\_\_, to offer \_\_\_\_\_, to give someone the same spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ we ourselves have \_\_\_\_\_ from our heavenly Father. Get in touch with how much God has \_\_\_\_\_. p. 66
9. Practice praying \_\_\_\_\_ prayers for your husband. Find the five or six things he does \_\_\_\_\_....and try to \_\_\_\_\_ God out by \_\_\_\_\_ Him for giving you a husband with these \_\_\_\_\_. Follow up your prayers with \_\_\_\_\_ or even greeting cards that \_\_\_\_\_ your husband \_\_\_\_\_ for who he is. p. 66
10. When you \_\_\_\_\_ more of your marriage that God designed it to give, you have only \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 68
11. If you don't \_\_\_\_\_ to unrealistic expectations and if you \_\_\_\_\_ the cross, you'll find yourself at constant \_\_\_\_\_ with your husband instead of at \_\_\_\_\_. You'll feel \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_, and disappointed instead of \_\_\_\_\_ 69
12. "I pity the married couple who \_\_\_\_\_ too much from one another. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who expects her husband to be to her what only \_\_\_\_\_ can be.... Such expectations put a man under an \_\_\_\_\_." p. 70
13. You have all you need as \_\_\_\_\_ to live a meaningful, productive, and \_\_\_\_\_ life. p. 71
14. As soon as you recall your husband's \_\_\_\_\_...the very second those poor qualities come to \_\_\_\_\_, start asking God to help you with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_....Go into prayer armed with two lists: your husband's \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 72
15. A man married to a \_\_\_\_\_ wife loses most of his \_\_\_\_\_ to improve his \_\_\_\_\_. p. 72
16. Before you begin to think about what he needs to \_\_\_\_\_, make an exhaustive inventory about what you want to stay the \_\_\_\_\_. Then \_\_\_\_\_ God for that...and thank your husband too. p. 72

17. When a husband feels more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at work than he does at \_\_\_\_\_, a precarious situation erupts. Eventually, his heart may \_\_\_\_\_ to the place where he feels the most \_\_\_\_\_. p.74

## Chapter 6: The Helper: Embracing the High Call of Marriage

1. God designed the wife to \_\_\_\_\_ her husband. p. 78

2. The church must not teach the submission of wives \_\_\_\_\_ from the sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ and servanthood \_\_\_\_\_ of husbands. This doesn't mean a husband's \_\_\_\_\_ of sacrificial love \_\_\_\_\_ a wife's call to submission. p. 79

3. God has given the husband a role of loving \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible describes the husband's role more as one of \_\_\_\_\_ than as one of \_\_\_\_\_, however. p. 80

4. Because of the way guys are \_\_\_\_\_, a wife's \_\_\_\_\_ appears to be the most \_\_\_\_\_ doorway to \_\_\_\_\_ her husband. "Submission is your \_\_\_\_\_ of changing your husband. Your husband will \_\_\_\_\_ as you allow him to be \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ and as you are submissive to him. He will not change by your nagging, \_\_\_\_\_, suggesting, \_\_\_\_\_, or mothering. p80

5. If your husband senses that you are trying to " \_\_\_\_\_," he'll get \_\_\_\_\_, not malleable. He'll fight for his turf without even trying to \_\_\_\_\_ you. He won't \_\_\_\_\_ you if he doesn't feel as though you \_\_\_\_\_ him. p. 81

6. Submission, from a biblical perspective, is determined, not by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person to whom we submit, but by the worthiness of the Person who \_\_\_\_\_ us to submit. "Submit to one another out of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_." Ephesians 5:21 p. 81

7. If you have entered into God's \_\_\_\_\_ called marriage, your \_\_\_\_\_ is to be your husband's \_\_\_\_\_. This does not \_\_\_\_\_ you any more than the Bible diminishes God by calling Him our \_\_\_\_\_. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to think of yourself as your husband's helper, the marriage will \_\_\_\_\_, because that's the way \_\_\_\_\_ designed marriage to \_\_\_\_\_. p. 83

8. In \_\_\_\_\_ assuming the role of \_\_\_\_\_, you pledge to spend a \_\_\_\_\_ deal of \_\_\_\_\_ and time on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your husband. p. 83

9. "Notice....that we were \_\_\_\_\_ to be our \_\_\_\_\_ helper, not our \_\_\_\_\_ mother....Our \_\_\_\_\_ should always remain \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts and in our \_\_\_\_\_." p. 83-84

10. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ your husband \_\_\_\_\_ you or care for you—but you \_\_\_\_\_ focus on \_\_\_\_\_ him, and more times than not, that action \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ him to serve and to care. Even if it doesn't, it will....unleash a great spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in your own life. p. 85

11. We don't direct our lives by what makes us \_\_\_\_\_; we try to order our lives by what brings the \_\_\_\_\_ to God. p. 86

12. If you really want to \_\_\_\_\_ your man, begin by \_\_\_\_\_ this prayer: "Lord, how can I \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ today?" p. 86

13. If you can \_\_\_\_\_ your husband that you're on his \_\_\_\_\_, committed to his \_\_\_\_\_ and well-being, then you'll likely discover an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ that know no bounds. p. 89

## Chapter 7: A Claim, a Call, and a Commitment: Focusing on Personal Responsibilities

1. The day I got \_\_\_\_\_, and the day you got married, we signed over \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_ to another person. We became \_\_\_\_\_ to them.....I can never again act as a \_\_\_\_\_ individual. p. 92

2. We need to recapture the beauty of \_\_\_\_\_ and the glory of \_\_\_\_\_.... Families \_\_\_\_\_ because we've lost our respect for \_\_\_\_\_. p. 93

3. Instead of giving thanks for \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes, we \_\_\_\_\_ it, demand it, and even build our \_\_\_\_\_ around it. We rarely give ourselves the opportunity to experience the more \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. p. 93

4. Ironically, if more women would concern themselves with being responsible instead of \_\_\_\_\_ about whether they feel happy, \_\_\_\_\_, and "important," we would have a \_\_\_\_\_ more women who are \_\_\_\_\_ and fulfilled. p. 93

5. Your \_\_\_\_\_ temptation to sin is when someone \_\_\_\_\_ sins against you. But their sin \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. p. 94

6. God says that we are responsible to \_\_\_\_\_, even in the face of another's irresponsibility. p. 94

7. Regardless of how anybody else \_\_\_\_\_, we are still \_\_\_\_\_ before God for our \_\_\_\_\_. p. 94

8. When I respond according to God's \_\_\_\_\_, even if the person who sinned against me doesn't change, \_\_\_\_\_. p. 95

9. The brilliance of Christianity is that God can \_\_\_\_\_ you in an \_\_\_\_\_ marriage as well as in a healthy \_\_\_\_\_. p. 95

10. If you can't give your children \_\_\_\_\_ godly parents, at least give them \_\_\_\_\_. p. 97

11. Now is the time for \_\_\_\_\_ him, not \_\_\_\_\_ him. p. 97

12. Since God is still going to \_\_\_\_\_ you to live up to your responsibilities and commitments, what

are you going to do? Wallow in your \_\_\_\_\_, or decide to make the marriage more \_\_\_\_\_ by your own \_\_\_\_\_. p. 97

13. You need to find out what your \_\_\_\_\_ would most like to see in his \_\_\_\_\_. 99

14. Beauty inevitably \_\_\_\_\_, but responsibility grows in \_\_\_\_\_, ability, judgment, and \_\_\_\_\_. Faithfully fulfilling your calling as a true \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ forges bonds \_\_\_\_\_ than any \_\_\_\_\_ attraction. p. 99

15. It's not spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ to get married and then to \_\_\_\_\_ the state of being married. p. 100

### Chapter 8: Understanding the Male Mind

1. Why is your husband \_\_\_\_\_ likely to tune in to your emotional \_\_\_\_\_ and verbalize his \_\_\_\_\_ .....? His brain doesn't work the same way a \_\_\_\_\_ brain does; it just doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ to him to connect his \_\_\_\_\_ with verbal inquiry. p.103

2. Rid yourself of every tactic and \_\_\_\_\_ you use in talking to your sisters, best friends, and mother, and \_\_\_\_\_ that a man's mind functions \_\_\_\_\_ differently. p. 104

3. Men may take up to \_\_\_\_\_ longer than women to process complex \_\_\_\_\_. p. 105

4. Most men are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ something if they're not \_\_\_\_\_ like they're being \_\_\_\_\_ into a corner or \_\_\_\_\_ for something they did wrong. 107

5. When a woman doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ the way a male brain \_\_\_\_\_, she risks fostering an \_\_\_\_\_ male response, something that researchers call \_\_\_\_\_. p. 107

6. Stonewalling describes how men may \_\_\_\_\_ emotionally and \_\_\_\_\_, ignoring you and essentially \_\_\_\_\_ from the conversation. p. 107

7. Most men don't immediately like to talk through \_\_\_\_\_ events.....because talking about such issues bring them great \_\_\_\_\_ discomfort. In other words, it \_\_\_\_\_ men to talk through \_\_\_\_\_ experiences. p. 107-108

8. You probably feel \_\_\_\_\_ by talking through problems; for men, it can feel like \_\_\_\_\_ 108

9. You may well be addressing a \_\_\_\_\_ issue, but if you address a legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ in an \_\_\_\_\_ way, you'll turn your husband \_\_\_\_\_ from your \_\_\_\_\_. He'll \_\_\_\_\_ you out. p. 108

10. The biology of a man's brain \_\_\_\_\_ that he get occasional \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ involvement. p. 109

11. There is a biological tendency for men to seek a set of \_\_\_\_\_ that allow

for brain \_\_\_\_\_ and the pleasure of \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
the stimulation of \_\_\_\_\_ conversation. p. 110

12. There are some things about your husband you will \_\_\_\_\_ . 113

13. Part of living with someone is learning to \_\_\_\_\_ them, and that includes  
all their \_\_\_\_\_ habits and rituals. Don't let petty annoyances \_\_\_\_\_  
your relationship. Live with, and even \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery. p. 114

### **Chapter 9: Jeanne-Antoinette: The Power of a Persistent Pursuit**

1. Many times, one or both \_\_\_\_\_ simply stop \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their  
spouse. While \_\_\_\_\_, they may have put great \_\_\_\_\_ and gone to great  
\_\_\_\_\_ to make a \_\_\_\_\_ impression. p. 118

2. If you think \_\_\_\_\_, you may recall a time when \_\_\_\_\_ your man's \_\_\_\_\_  
made you \_\_\_\_\_ than almost anything else....But somewhere into the second or \_\_\_\_\_  
year of marriage, instead of trying to \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse, perhaps you found that you  
wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ by him. \_\_\_\_\_ may have frozen your  
\_\_\_\_\_, and you many have stopped even trying to please. p. 119

3. Sadly, many people in marriage simply stop caring about whether they're "\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."  
They abuse the \_\_\_\_\_ and commitment of the relationship, allowing their physical  
\_\_\_\_\_ to fall into a \_\_\_\_\_. p. 119

4. When you stop trying to \_\_\_\_\_ your man, eventually, by \_\_\_\_\_, you  
\_\_\_\_\_ him; or at the least, you lost the \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to influence. 120

5. If you take your husband for \_\_\_\_\_, if you let yourself grow \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
arts of \_\_\_\_\_ and relationship...then you run the very real risk of losing his \_\_\_\_\_ 121

6. If you feel \_\_\_\_\_ about your appearance and thus act more \_\_\_\_\_ in bed,  
your \_\_\_\_\_, far more than your \_\_\_\_\_, takes away from your husband's  
enjoyment. p. 122

7. Men like to be \_\_\_\_\_ by their wives....they still want their wives to look like  
\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ enralls us. p. 123

8. Since you know your man like no one else, you can \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and  
create a great sense of \_\_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_\_ and meet those  
needs. p. 125

9. Sadly, too many women grow \_\_\_\_\_ with men. If the man doesn't respond in the first  
\_\_\_\_\_ of marriage just as they want him to , they \_\_\_\_\_ him in for someone  
else. They don't \_\_\_\_\_ that they've just thrown away a decade of relationship building  
that they can \_\_\_\_\_ get back...and they have to \_\_\_\_\_ all over at square one.  
Their \_\_\_\_\_ husband will also take \_\_\_\_\_ to fully \_\_\_\_\_, once the  
initial \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_. p. 126

10. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ a man with persistent, \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit before you can \_\_\_\_\_ him—and men aren't won \_\_\_\_\_. Yet their loyalty can be \_\_\_\_\_ when carefully \_\_\_\_\_, patiently earned, and \_\_\_\_\_ over time. p. 127

### Chapter 10: Taming the Temper, Part 1

1. I have never heard of a situation where \_\_\_\_\_ made a man \_\_\_\_\_ 134

2. As long as a woman \_\_\_\_\_ herself for \_\_\_\_\_ her husband's \_\_\_\_\_, she ignores the real \_\_\_\_\_: she's the \_\_\_\_\_, not the cause. p. 134

3. It is impossible to live with an \_\_\_\_\_ man without making him \_\_\_\_\_. p. 134

4. Your husband's inappropriate expression of \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ your inappropriate \_\_\_\_\_ of anger. p. 135

5. Jo allowed God to change \_\_\_\_\_, which resulted in her husband's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. p. 136

6. That's why forgiveness is so \_\_\_\_\_; we need to \_\_\_\_\_ of the past so we don't keep \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with it. p.137

7. When you live with an angry man, you not only \_\_\_\_\_, but literally \_\_\_\_\_ God's affirmation.....if you aren't receiving \_\_\_\_\_ and affection from your \_\_\_\_\_ Father, you're going to feel emotionally \_\_\_\_\_ and perhaps even \_\_\_\_\_--and that will feed into your husband's response and \_\_\_\_\_ you to become even more of a \_\_\_\_\_. p. 137

8. Men usually don't change unless their wives give them a \_\_\_\_\_ to change. This requires specific, \_\_\_\_\_, gentle, and self-respecting \_\_\_\_\_. p138

9. If you do all the \_\_\_\_\_, if your husband runs over you, he's not \_\_\_\_\_, he's \_\_\_\_\_, spiritually speaking. He's becoming \_\_\_\_\_ in character. p. 139

10. The proper way to share \_\_\_\_\_ involves having the right \_\_\_\_\_ and using the right \_\_\_\_\_. p. 140

11. Your first \_\_\_\_\_ as a sister in Christ is to help your husband more fully express the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. p. 140

12. Use a loving tone of \_\_\_\_\_ and let them know that you really care about them and are \_\_\_\_\_ to them....Tell your husband that you care about his \_\_\_\_\_ because you see a \_\_\_\_\_ in him. p. 141

13. We men feel \_\_\_\_\_ to preserve your \_\_\_\_\_ view of us....If you belittle us, we don't \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_; we just taste the \_\_\_\_\_ and want to spit it out. p. 141-142

14. The direct approach is so much \_\_\_\_\_; it honors him more and it doesn't sound

\_\_\_\_\_ or manipulative. It's just a simple \_\_\_\_\_. p. 142

15. Women often fail to realize that many times, our husbands don't \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_; unless we tell them how we want them to communicate with us, they'll stick with whatever \_\_\_\_\_ they learned from their \_\_\_\_\_. p. 143

16. It's far \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ an angry man than to \_\_\_\_\_ him....When a woman truly \_\_\_\_\_ a man, she \_\_\_\_\_ to him and says, "You're \_\_\_\_\_ than that. Don't do this to \_\_\_\_\_ or to us." A faithful sister in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ her man to grow in grace, \_\_\_\_\_, and humility. 143

17. She called out to her heavenly Father and then studied \_\_\_\_\_ to find out how \_\_\_\_\_ God values her. Next, she called her husband to do the \_\_\_\_\_. 145

### **Chapter 11: Taming the Temper, Part 2 Learning to Navigate through Your Husband's Anger**

1. Anger is a perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ and even, at times, spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ emotion. 147

2. You can't fault your husband or yourself for \_\_\_\_\_, but you must \_\_\_\_\_ on what you or your husband \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_. p. 148

3. At times, you must \_\_\_\_\_ your husband to feel legitimately angry with \_\_\_\_\_. You're not \_\_\_\_\_. p. 148

4. Many times, women \_\_\_\_\_ assume that talking things out always make things \_\_\_\_\_--but many men simply need \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_. It's a biological fact that \_\_\_\_\_ conversation can feel very \_\_\_\_\_ for a man and actually \_\_\_\_\_ his anger.... p. 148

5. Just because \_\_\_\_\_ calms you down doesn't mean it will have the same effect on your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 148

6. In a relationship \_\_\_\_\_, crying is often a \_\_\_\_\_ response to feeling \_\_\_\_\_, and anger is often a man's response to feeling \_\_\_\_\_. 149

7. Men get most frustrated and \_\_\_\_\_ when they feel \_\_\_\_\_. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ your husband's anger but you can \_\_\_\_\_ it by being \_\_\_\_\_. Learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ with your husband without showing a lack of respect and that includes \_\_\_\_\_ routines.... p. 149

8. We fight because we're \_\_\_\_\_, because we're disappointed, because we're not getting our \_\_\_\_\_, and because we're \_\_\_\_\_ on someone other than God to meet our needs. There's one word that describes this hideous disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ p. 151

9. Your husband may be \_\_\_\_\_, and he may be \_\_\_\_\_ himself in an \_\_\_\_\_ way, but that \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't make you right. p. 152

10. Pride is an ever-present \_\_\_\_\_ so make \_\_\_\_\_ an ever-present friend. p. 152

11. It is a misapplication of \_\_\_\_\_ principles to believe you must stay in a situation where you are being \_\_\_\_\_. p. 152

12. Above all, remember that while you might feel frightened, \_\_\_\_\_, guilty, or confused, you are \_\_\_\_\_. Your God is with you, and His people will \_\_\_\_\_ you. p. 156

### **Chapter 12 Rich and Pat: The Magic Question: Helping Your Husband Become More Involved**

1. Do you have the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to put aside your own frustration and \_\_\_\_\_ long enough to ask your husband, "What would you \_\_\_\_\_ me to do that I'm \_\_\_\_\_ doing?" 161

2. By \_\_\_\_\_ to my husband and doing what \_\_\_\_\_ asked me to do—even though there was so much I wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to do differently—I became the \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted to be: a more \_\_\_\_\_ wife, a better \_\_\_\_\_, a better \_\_\_\_\_. And then I \_\_\_\_\_ that those things bring me a lot of \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ to myself have been overwhelming.....I wouldn't go \_\_\_\_\_ to the way I \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. p 164

3. Marriage isn't just about \_\_\_\_\_ of love; there are times when only a \_\_\_\_\_ carries you through. p. 165

4. If your husband has no \_\_\_\_\_ that the marriage will \_\_\_\_\_, why go through the hassle of \_\_\_\_\_? Most men need to \_\_\_\_\_ that their wives will be \_\_\_\_\_ before they feel motivated to make a \_\_\_\_\_. 166

5. Instead of trying to \_\_\_\_\_ Rich for her own sake, she drew closer to the \_\_\_\_\_, captivated Rich with her own \_\_\_\_\_, and in a \_\_\_\_\_ way encouraged Rich to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ according to God's standards. p. 167

6. Find a way to be his \_\_\_\_\_ and do the things he \_\_\_\_\_ to do. p. 167

7. If you want your husband to \_\_\_\_\_ you, ask yourself how you are moving toward your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 168

### **Chapter 13: The Biology of a Busy Man: How to Help Your Man Put Family First**

1. It's quite \_\_\_\_\_ for a man to \_\_\_\_\_ his fiancée eagerly, only to turn his \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_ after the wedding. p. 174

2. One of the reasons most men focus intensely on their \_\_\_\_\_ is that \_\_\_\_\_ wired us this way. p. 174

3. Male brains are bent toward a \_\_\_\_\_ of some sort....There is a biological tendency in men to seek \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ through personal, independent \_\_\_\_\_; in women, there is a greater tendency to experience worth through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. 174

4. For some men, to stop \_\_\_\_\_ is to stop \_\_\_\_\_. p. 175

5. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ brains of males and females, God has \_\_\_\_\_ that what needs to be taken care of \_\_\_\_\_ taken care of. p. 176

6. So while it's a \_\_\_\_\_ thing to motivate your husband to spend more \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_, you should \_\_\_\_\_ try to strip away the essence of what it means for him to be a \_\_\_\_\_. p.176

7. You must \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to respect and \_\_\_\_\_ his biological drive—you wanted a \_\_\_\_\_ and you got one! Don't \_\_\_\_\_ him for finding some meaning outside the \_\_\_\_\_.....work hard to make your home a \_\_\_\_\_ he can't wait to come \_\_\_\_\_. p. 176

8. Do you really want to be \_\_\_\_\_ to a man who only wants to stay \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with the kids, who has no desire or \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ a decent life for you and your children, and who has no \_\_\_\_\_ to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God by doing great things on behalf of His \_\_\_\_\_? p. 177

9. As singles, women tend to be drawn to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ men, but as wives, women sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ the schedules of \_\_\_\_\_ men. 178

10. At the very \_\_\_\_\_, you should feel \_\_\_\_\_ that your husband channels his focus in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ your life rather than \_\_\_\_\_ it apart. p. 178

11. Reward his discipline and \_\_\_\_\_ by giving him \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue something \_\_\_\_\_. p.179

12. Here's a reliable \_\_\_\_\_ about men: we love to \_\_\_\_\_, and we love \_\_\_\_\_ who have a great, spontaneous sense of \_\_\_\_\_. Even more, we love to see our \_\_\_\_\_. p. 180

13. Have you ever considered what you might do to make your husband's life a little more \_\_\_\_\_? Have you ever thought about what kind of \_\_\_\_\_ you're creating with your \_\_\_\_\_? p. 180

14. At times, your husband will \_\_\_\_\_ himself—and \_\_\_\_\_. ....If you \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, if you step in to \_\_\_\_\_ for him, he'll feel \_\_\_\_\_ and cared for and will walk across the \_\_\_\_\_ to get you an iced tea. But if you \_\_\_\_\_ him to cover your \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassment, ....you'll \_\_\_\_\_ him. p. 181

15. If your husband feels \_\_\_\_\_ and senses he's being ridiculed or humiliated by you and your \_\_\_\_\_, eventually he's going to find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ being with you. p. 182

16. When you consistently, \_\_\_\_\_, and creatively \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, you remove one of the most compelling \_\_\_\_\_ for him to get overinvolved at \_\_\_\_\_ or to find an \_\_\_\_\_ hobby that robs his passion for \_\_\_\_\_. 183

17. Make \_\_\_\_\_ a place he can't \_\_\_\_\_ to return to. p. 184

## Chapter 14: Pure Passion: Cementing Your Husband's Affections and Protecting His Integrity

1. Sex represents one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ ways by which you can care for and \_\_\_\_\_ your husband. p. 186
2. ....most husbands can't \_\_\_\_\_ with a woman \_\_\_\_\_ if their sexual needs \_\_\_\_\_ being met. So if women want a deeper \_\_\_\_\_ connection, they must provide the \_\_\_\_\_ one. p. 186
3. While women normally have oxytocin levels \_\_\_\_\_ times higher than those of men, a man's oxytocin levels \_\_\_\_\_ those of his wife in one particular instance—following a \_\_\_\_\_ encounter. p. 186
4. In \_\_\_\_\_ biochemistry, \_\_\_\_\_ is the quickest way for a man to \_\_\_\_\_ with a woman. p. 187
5. Sexual coasting, no matter what the reason, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. Studies reveal that coasting \_\_\_\_\_ usually leads to drifting apart \_\_\_\_\_ 187
6. I think husbands get more \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to sex; the husband experiences it far more \_\_\_\_\_ than does his wife....a man's "self-worth is linked to a great extent, to how \_\_\_\_\_ and how well he engages in the sex act." p. 187
7. The wife thinks she is rejecting and \_\_\_\_\_, but her husband feels she is rejecting \_\_\_\_ 188
8. A man who feels sexually \_\_\_\_\_ is much more motivated to become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ intimate with his wife, as well as to want to \_\_\_\_\_ her. 188
9. Many wives simply don't understand how much \_\_\_\_\_ it takes for some men to remain sexually \_\_\_\_\_ to one wife. 189
10. A wife's seeming \_\_\_\_\_ to her husband's sexual needs does make a man's struggle more \_\_\_\_\_. 189
11. Knowing what it's like for a \_\_\_\_\_, God created \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ and healthy outlet for a man's sexual \_\_\_\_\_. p. 190
12. In today's world, a less than \_\_\_\_\_ sexual relationship puts both husband and wife at \_\_\_\_\_. Your entire \_\_\_\_\_ could be at stake. p. 192
13. The sexual life you \_\_\_\_\_, create, and maintain in your marriage isn't merely about you and your husband; it's about your husband's relationship with \_\_\_\_\_, as well as his \_\_\_\_\_ to provide a \_\_\_\_\_ example for your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 192
14. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ husband indeed who regularly and intimately gets \_\_\_\_\_ with his struggles against \_\_\_\_\_. p. 193
15. A \_\_\_\_\_ woman understands her husband's desires and \_\_\_\_\_ them to strengthen the relationship. She \_\_\_\_\_ his needs and gives him something to look \_\_\_\_\_

- to when he comes home, \_\_\_\_\_ his need for her, his \_\_\_\_\_ for her, and his \_\_\_\_\_ on her. p. 195
16. Sexual desire can \_\_\_\_\_ a man to a woman, or Satan can use it to build an ever-growing reliance \_\_\_\_\_ the home. p. 195
17. God calls you to \_\_\_\_\_ your husband and make his desires, \_\_\_\_\_, and fantasies center on \_\_\_\_\_. p. 195
18. Over time, porn \_\_\_\_\_ a man's desire for his \_\_\_\_\_. p. 196
19. Porn trains a man \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ sexual experience and makes him \_\_\_\_\_ what in the abstract should seem \_\_\_\_\_. p. 196
20. If your \_\_\_\_\_ marriage suffers from this problem, make sure you don't \_\_\_\_\_. Your husband needs to see how much \_\_\_\_\_ this causes you, but please don't begin treating him like a \_\_\_\_\_. p. 197
21. If the \_\_\_\_\_ takes it only on a \_\_\_\_\_ level, she can actually \_\_\_\_\_ the man's healing process. Your husband needs redemption, \_\_\_\_\_ intimacy, practical \_\_\_\_\_, and forgiveness with \_\_\_\_\_. p. 198
22. Some wives expect their husbands to \_\_\_\_\_ a life-long habit without any \_\_\_\_\_, and in most instances, this is probably \_\_\_\_\_. p. 199
23. It's about the man's \_\_\_\_\_. In the porn-enhanced fantasy, everything is excitingly \_\_\_\_\_ and uniquely custom-made.... You are competing with a fantasy that you can't possibly \_\_\_\_\_. Fortunately, you are really \_\_\_\_\_ personally in a \_\_\_\_\_. In a very real sense, it's not about \_\_\_\_\_; it's about your husband's \_\_\_\_\_. p. 199
24. If your husband \_\_\_\_\_ to enter an \_\_\_\_\_ group or to take steps to address his \_\_\_\_\_, then I think you have every \_\_\_\_\_ to set some clear boundaries. p. 200
25. Pornography abuse can lead to incessant \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ requests in the marital bed....you have no \_\_\_\_\_ to meet a man's sexual desire when that desire \_\_\_\_\_ with God's design for marital sexuality. p. 200
26. Holy sex builds up intimacy, \_\_\_\_\_ the relationship, and creates \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyment and respect. Any act that involves \_\_\_\_\_ and builds regret, shame and anger works against what God \_\_\_\_\_ sex to do. p. 200-201
27. The philosophical message of porn is that women are sex \_\_\_\_\_ intended for the male's \_\_\_\_\_. The greater the sex addict's \_\_\_\_\_, the greater his \_\_\_\_\_ becomes for ever more exciting sexual \_\_\_\_\_. p. 201
28. It is not for us to \_\_\_\_\_ our Creator's design. If He has called you into marriage, He has called you into \_\_\_\_\_ sexual relations with your husband. p. 202

## Chapter 15: Affair on the Internet: Winning Back the Husband Who Strays

1. First...you have to keep \_\_\_\_\_ on your marriage, because ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ else is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ if your marriage falls apart....if you put the \_\_\_\_\_ first to the neglect of your marriage, what will happen to them if the \_\_\_\_\_ falls apart? 210
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ marriage gives you better \_\_\_\_\_ and resources with which to \_\_\_\_\_ everything else. p. 210
3. Second....don't forget the \_\_\_\_\_ things that keep a relationship going: keep your finger on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your marriage.....Don't forget to watch out for relational \_\_\_\_\_. 210
4. Relationally, you must \_\_\_\_\_ the life-giving relationship of the \_\_\_\_\_--the marriage—out of which you can provide emotional and \_\_\_\_\_ sustenance for the \_\_\_\_\_. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the marriage, you risk creating a spiritual hunger that will end up \_\_\_\_\_ everyone else in your home. p. 211
5. When we let \_\_\_\_\_ interests fade, over time we slowly \_\_\_\_\_ apart...find a way to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the things your husband is \_\_\_\_\_ in, because it shows him you \_\_\_\_\_ about things \_\_\_\_\_ cares about. p. 211-212
6. By \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, you're \_\_\_\_\_ the intimacy that you can use to influence him in a \_\_\_\_\_ way, including his building an \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ life. p. 212
7. By engaging in common \_\_\_\_\_ with your husband, you're winning his \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can influence his \_\_\_\_\_. p. 213
8. The best way for you to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ concern is by living out your \_\_\_\_\_. p. 213
9. Take a deep breath, enter your husband's \_\_\_\_\_, and trust \_\_\_\_\_ to use your \_\_\_\_\_ in a way that will challenge your husband's \_\_\_\_\_. p. 213
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ our marriage when we put it on the \_\_\_\_\_--even if only for a \_\_\_\_\_--and then expect our spouse to put up with our temporary \_\_\_\_\_. 214
11. We grow \_\_\_\_\_ by degrees, and we grow apart by \_\_\_\_\_. p. 214
12. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ growing toward your husband or \_\_\_\_\_ from him? Are the two of you building areas of \_\_\_\_\_ interest, or are you slowly and \_\_\_\_\_ cultivating \_\_\_\_\_ lives? p. 215

## Chapter 16: John and Catherine Finding Faith: Influencing a Nonbelieving Husband

1. In the end it all comes down to the same thing: marriage is about \_\_\_\_\_. p. 220
2. When, indeed, you can \_\_\_\_\_ even the wicked and the \_\_\_\_\_--well, at that

- moment you exhibit the same \_\_\_\_\_ that God showed to \_\_\_\_\_ when He loved us in our sin and \_\_\_\_\_. And Jesus promises that He will richly \_\_\_\_\_ you. p. 221
3. If your husband is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ than you are, your job is to \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way that you \_\_\_\_\_ him up, not tear him \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of assuming the \_\_\_\_\_, call him to his \_\_\_\_\_. p. 221
  4. If you find yourself in an spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ marriage, expect \_\_\_\_\_ to become your greatest \_\_\_\_\_. p. 222
  5. Christ always maintained a \_\_\_\_\_ heart toward the \_\_\_\_\_ and immature. p. 222
  6. "If I were willing to put my emotional \_\_\_\_\_ aside and trust \_\_\_\_\_ to meet those, there would be a \_\_\_\_\_. " p. 224
  7. You must find out what he \_\_\_\_\_ and learn to do it with him. p. 232
  8. "Instead of spending my whole life \_\_\_\_\_ about what I \_\_\_\_\_, I started \_\_\_\_\_ what I already had. p. 232
  9. Along the way we slowly \_\_\_\_\_ and figure out that \_\_\_\_\_ is the one we \_\_\_\_\_ in. p. 233
  10. No husband, Christian or not, is \_\_\_\_\_--yet wives tend to feel \_\_\_\_\_ when their \_\_\_\_\_ husbands act imperfectly. p. 233
  11. Will you allow a \_\_\_\_\_ mixture of bitterness, resentment, and \_\_\_\_\_ to slowly \_\_\_\_\_ your home, or will you choose to walk in forgiveness and in \_\_\_\_\_ on God and focus on \_\_\_\_\_ your husband instead of worrying about whether you're being \_\_\_\_\_? p. 233
  12. Even if you're \_\_\_\_\_ along than your husband, spiritually speaking, you sill haven't fully \_\_\_\_\_. None of us have. Your own \_\_\_\_\_ and maturity must continue to \_\_\_\_\_. p. 233
  13. But a gentle and quiet \_\_\_\_\_, mixed with a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, in a woman who keeps \_\_\_\_\_ and who finds ways to \_\_\_\_\_ with her husband greatly increases the possibility that she will one day pray to the God of her dreams \_\_\_\_\_ the man of her dreams. p. 235