What Did You Expect Discussion Questions
Chapter 1-2

Finish the following sentences from the book:

1. Unrealistic expectations always lead to _____________________________ p. 16
2. Here's how it tends to work: you're in love and convinced that the love you are now... p. 18
3. We live with ____________ people. Your marriage will not be ________________ from those flaws. p. 19
4. Every marriage is required to face the ______________________________. p. 19
5. One of the main functions of Scriptures is it enables us to be prepared to decide, think, desire, act, and speak.... p. 19
6. Our marriages live in the middle of a world that does not function as God intended. Somehow, someway, your marriage is touched every day...p. 21
7. You will not escape the grief of life in the ____________ ______________. p. 22
8. We will grieve because we will face difficulty that we neither __________________ nor __________________. p. 22
9. God intended to use the difficulties you face to do something in you that couldn't be done...p. 22
10. Because He loves you, God will willingly interrupt or compromise your momentary ________ in order to accomplish one more step in the process of _______________ and __________________, which He is unshakably ______________________ to. p. 22
11. There is hope for you and your marriage because … p. 23
12. You are married to a _________________. p. 23
13. What is happening is that your life is being affected by the sin, weakness, and failure...p. 23
14. When we respond in an adversarial way, we actually escalate the trouble that the other...p. 24
15. The God who determined your address lives there with you and is committed to giving...p. 25
16. Stand in your weakness and confusion and say, “I am not alone. God is with me, and he is...p. 26

Chapter 2

1. Somehow, someway, every marriage becomes a ______________________. p. 32
2. Reasons for attraction now become sources of irritation. We are all confronted with the...

3. In every marriage, the brokenness of the world makes things more ______________________ and ______________________. p. 32

4. A marriage of love, unity, and understanding is not rooted in ________________; it is rooted in ________________. p. 33

5. You are a ______________________, so everything you think, desire, choose, do, or say is shaped by ________________. p. 33

6. Being a worshiper means that you attach your identity, your meaning and purpose, and your inner sense of ______________________________ to something. p. 34

7. No marriage will be unaffected when the people in the marriage are seeking to get from the ________________ what they were only ever meant to get from the ________________. p. 34

8. Marriages are fixed ________________ before they are fixed ________________. p. 35

9. We have to deal with what is _______________ us before we ever deal with how we are ________________ to one another. p. 35

10. Because we don't love _______________ enough we don't treat one another with the kind of love that makes _______________ _______________. p. 36

11. There are moments in our selfishness, when that other person is in the way of what we want, that we all wish we could rise to the ________________ of the ________________ and re-create our husband into our own ________________, or at least into someone who would be ________________ for us to ________________ ________________. p. 37

12. God controlled all the situations, locations, and experiences that helped shape the particular ways that we ________________ about and ________________ to life. p. 38

13. We come into marriage with a list of ________________ that aren't the givens...p. 38

14. Quit being irritated by your ________________ and start ________________ how your life has been ________________ by them. p. 39

15. As you celebrate God as Savior, it makes it ________________ for you to look at your spouse as the only ________________ in the room, or more of a ________________ than you. p. 39

16. When your heart is filled with ________________ for the amazing ________________ that you both have been and are being given, you have given yourself ________________ to ________________. p. 40
Chapter 3

17. It's hard to fix something you don't ______________ and it's even harder to fix it when you think your ______________ is really the ______________ ______________. p. 45

18. The most important _____, the one that needs to be _____, is not the war you are having with ______________ ______________, but a war that wages within each of you individually. p. 46

19. Sin causes us to shrink our focus, motivation, and concern to the size of our own ____________, ____________, and ______________. Sin causes all of us to be way too ________-_______ and self-____________________. p. 47

20. We don't really have time to ____________ our ______________, in the purest sense of what that means, because we are too busy ______________ ______________ ______________. p. 47

21. What we actually want is for our spouse to ____________ _____ as much as we love _________________, and if our spouse is willing to do that, we will have a wonderful ___________________. p. 47

22. Because sin is antisocial, it tends to ______________ the people in our lives. They get ________________ to one of two things. They are either ________________ to help us get what we want or ________________ in the way of what we want. p. 47

23. We always live in the service of one of two ______________. Either the service of the small, ________________ _________ agenda of the kingdom of ___________, or we live in the service of the huge, ________-to-____________ of the kingdom of God. p.48

24. This side of _______________, there is a constant war being fought in _____ our ___________ between the kingdom of _______________ and the kingdom of _________. p. 48

25. The death of the ___________ happens to ________ couple. None of us gets our ___________ in the way that we dreamt it, because none is us is writing our own story. God, in His ___________ writes a _______________ story than we could ever write for ________________. p. 49-50

26. We ________________ with God's plan because, at street level, we ____________ really want what ________ wants. We want what _____ want, and we want ______ to deliver it. p. 51

27. You are most often ______________ because your ______________ has broken the laws of _________ kingdom. Your spouse is in the ____ of what you want, and that makes you _______. p. 51

28. God's ______________ is meant to bring you to the _____ of ______________ so that you will finally begin to place your ____________, your ________________, and ______________, and your inner sense of __________-____________ in Him. p. 51

29. God wants you to face the __________________ of trying to ______________ the other
person into your _______________. p. 52

30. It is only when a husband and wife each live in a ___________________ and __________ allegiance to the __________, __________, and Lord of the kingdom of __________ that their marriage can really be a place of __________, __________, and __________. p. 52

31. Marriage is a _______________ thing that only reaches what it was __________ to be through the methodology of a _______________ process. p. 52

32. Could it be that what you actually wanted was for that other person to __________ you as much as ________ do? p. 53

33. Reconciling your marriage begins when _____ begin to reconcile with _______. p. 53

Chapter 4

17. Before you can really gain _______________ ground with your spouse, you have to be __________ to ______________ and __________ with what God says about ________, your ____________, your ____________, and _______ Himself, His ____________, and His ____________. p. 56

18. You simply will not live a ______ together where ___ act of ________________, self-interest, ____________, arrogance, self-righteousness, ______________, or disloyalty will rear its ugly head. p. 57

19. You are daily on the job adding another layer of bricks that will ____________ the ______ of your marriage for ________, ______________, and years to come. p. 58

20. Things in a marriage go bad _______________. The development and deepening of the love in a marriage happens by things that are __________ ____________. p. 58

21. It is hard ________ to always be thinking of the __________ ____________. You and I tend to want the ____________ to work ________ because that will make ____ lives ________ but we don't really want to have to sign in for the _______ work _______________. p. 59

22. We want the ________ things to come to ___ without the hard work of __________ the ____________ bricks that will __________ in the good ____________. p. 60

23. A __________ marriage is not a _______________ gift. It is a set of _______________ that forges itself into a _______________ lifestyle. p. 60

24. To the degree that you, ___________, in some way, continue to live for ______________, to that degree you ____________ need to be ________________ to God and to _______ _______. p. 61

25. Every day you harvest _______________ plants that have come from the seeds of __________ and ____________ that you previously _______________. p. 63

26. Our ________________ in any given situation of life is our _______________ to get what is _______________ to us out of that situation. p. 63
27. Our problem is __________ of __________ that causes us to care more about what _____ __________ than about what is ___________. p. 64

28. We must not simply hold one another to the high relational __________ of God's Word, but we must also ______ offer the same __________ that we have been __________ to one another so that we may be __________ of __________ in the lives of one another. p. 64

13. List the 6 daily commitments and a summary of each found in italics on pages 65-67:

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One of the beautiful things that _________________ is meant to do is drive ______ of us ________ from __________ of __________ - __________ into patterns of __________ on God. p. 68

God welcomes us all to a lifestyle of reconciling ________, where _________________ are faced and ____________ really does take place and where we no longer _______ _________ the same ______________ again and ____________. God is __________ ______ and He has something ______________. p. 69
Chapter 5: Coming Clean: Confession

34. You simply can't continually ___________ in your heart all someone's perceived _______________ against you and _______________ toward him. You can't ___________ to yourself daily that the person you live with is the chief cause of the _______________ that you do and want to move ___________ to him. p. 71

35. _______________ is the doorway to _______________ and _______________ in your relationship. It is _______________. It is _______________. Without it you are relegated to a _______________ of repeated and deepening patterns of _______________, wrong, and _______________. With it, the future is bright and _______________. p. 73

36. The _______________ is God's ultimate _______________ instrument. It is meant to function in each of our lives as a _______________ tape _______________. p. 73

37. The greatest, _______________, most abiding _______________ each of us faces is _______________, not _______________ of us. Bible names it ___________. p. 73

38. You know you have been gifted with _______________ when you are able to say, “My greatest _______________ problem is ______.” p. 74

39. At first, when we do these _______________ and selfish things our _______________ bothers us, but it won't be _______________ before our _______________ gets _______________ and our conscience doesn't bother us _______________. p. 74

40. It is a _______________ of God's _______________ when our consciences are _______________ and our hearts are _______________, not at what the other person is _______________, but at what __________ have _______________. p. 75

41. When a husband and __________ quit arguing about who is the more _______________ and begin to be _______________ over their respective ________________, you can know for sure that _______________ has visited their marriage. p. 76

42. It is a grace to be willing to _______________ and consider _______________ and rebuke. p.77

43. Healthy relationships have two _______________ character qualities. First is the humility of _______________ and the second is the courage of _______________. p. 77

44. Why do we choose to be silent about things that need to be addressed? p. 77

45. _______________ can take place. _______________ really does happen. What was _______________ can be _______________. p. 78

46. Confession should be seen as a wonderful _______ that every marriage ________. It should be _______________. It should be _______________. p. 79
47. List and summarize the 9 daily habits of a confession lifestyle: p. 80-83
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3.
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6.
7.
8.
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Chapter 6: Canceling Debts
29. Healthy marriages are _______________ because the people in those marriages find _______ in canceling ____________. Forgiveness is ______________ and ______________, but the ________________ is much greater than the _______________. p. 85-86

30. They both held onto their ______________ of the other's ______________ as if it was a valuable family _________________. p. 87

31. List the 7 points on pages 88-90 (italics) and write one main thought from each:
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7.

32. We keep a record of ______________ because we are not motivated by what is __________ for our ______________ but by what is ______________ for _________________. p. 90

33. Holding onto our spouse's sins...makes us feel ________________ to our spouse. p. 90

34. Carrying our spouse's ______________ makes us feel ________________ and therefore
35. We forget how often we ______________, how much sin mars ______________ we do, and how desperately we need the ______________ that we are ______________ to give to him. p. 91

36. Forgiveness begins by your giving the ______________ to the ______________. You do not ______ the wrong with you and you do not ______________ the other is light of the wrong. You do not ______________ yourself into _________ position and mete out ______________. p. 92

37. Wives, it is not good for you or ______________ to your husband to act as if a ______ committed against you is ______ ______________. p. 93

38. Often, forgiveness is a ______________, not an ______________. p. 93

39. Forgiveness requires ______________. When we stand in the center of our own universe with nothing more important to us than ______________, we find nothing more ______________ than a sin against _______. p. 95

40. Forgiveness also requires ______________. Are you ______________ by your spouse's ______________ with _________? p. 95

41. List the 3 things on page 96 that forgiveness requires:
   1.
   2.
   3.

42. We forget that there is not a ______ in our lives that we do not need to be ______________p. 97

43. Forgiveness stimulates ______________ and ______________. p. 97

44. Forgiveness produces ______________. p. 98

45. Forgiveness is the fertile soil in which ______________ in marriage grows. p. 98
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**Chapters 7-8**

**Chapter 7: Pulling Weeds**

48. Sinners, (all of us) drag their _______ into their ______________________. p. 104

49. God is saying that __________ always has two sides to it: __________________ and ________________. Change is needed because there are things in you....that need to be ______________ or torn down, and ….there are ______ things that need to be ______________ or ______________ in the place of what was uprooted. p. 104

50. **Pump-priming list of what needs to be uprooted from our marriages:** Write 2-3 sentences about each item. Pages 105-112

a. Selfishness

b. Busyness

c. Inattention

d. Self-righteousness

e. Fear

f. Laziness

**Chapter 8: Planting Seeds**

46. The ________________ of a marriage is formed in thousands of little ________________ of saying ______ to one thing and ______ to another. p. 115
47. It is not enough to _______________ the weeds in your _______________ that need to ________, you must also think about what God is _______________ you to put in their _______________. p. 115

48. You cannot _______________ the influence of what you _______ and ______ on the person you _________ with and on your relationship to ________. p. 117

49. A _______________ marriage is all about knowing what to say _____ to. p. 118

50. Sin can so fill our eyes with our _______ that we become functionally ________ to the _______________ of _______________. p. 118

51. Most often, we are ________________ because the other got in the way of something we _______________. Something lives _______________ of you that is _______________ to relationships. The Bible gives this thing a name:_______. p. 118

52. Because sin is _______________ and therefore antisocial, it _______________ the people in our lives. They cease being the _______________ of our _______________. They get _________ to either _________ or _________ _______________. p. 118

53. Selfishness is first a condition of the _______________. p. 119

54. The basic style of our _______________, reactions, and ________________ to the other is _________________. p. 120

55. The three most familiar _______________ of marriage _______________ are __________________, payment, and _______________. p. 120

56. The very _______________ of manipulation is that it is propelled by _______ of _______ not love for the _______________. p. 120

57. Your biggest ________________ is not the imperfection of your _________________....Your biggest struggle is with the _______________ that tempts and ________ us all. p. 120-121

58. The problem is that we don't love _______ enough, and because we don't ________ God enough, we don't love ________ ________________ as we should. p. 121

59. We are so busy working to co-opt the _______ into the _______________ of our _______ needs, and ________________ that we are too ________________ to notice all the opportunities to _______________ that every day gives us. p. 121

60. We have replaced __________ of _______ and ________ in his care with _______ of _______ and the anxiety of “__________________.” p. 121

61. Rather than working to co-opt your spouse into your _______________, you find _______ and ________________ in discovering ways to _______________ him. p. 122

62. What does a commitment to serve your spouse in ________________ look like? Well, it looks like ________________ up in the morning and committing to ________________ for
18. Serving in love: write 1-2 sentences about each. (Pages 124-125)

a. Committed to joy

b. Committed to peace

c. Committed to gladly overlooking minor offenses

d. Committed to responding in kind ways and doing to them what is good

e. Committed to remain faithful to your wedding vows

f. Committed to gentleness

g. Committed to the daily exercise of self-control

You'll have no ___________ identifying the ___________ and failures of your ____________, but you won' see ___________ with equal ___________. p. 127

If your ____________ is ever going to be what it was ____________ to be, you need ____________ intervention. p. 127

If you are ever going to have a marriage of ____________, ____________, and love, you will have to be willing to ____________ daily, but not with your ____________. You need to be committed to ____________ with ____________. p. 128

Hope for your marriage is not to be ____________ in your ____________. No, it is to be found in that third ____________ ____________, who has made himself part of your ____________. p. 129

The ____________ relationship is a good ____________ for every couple. p. 130

They celebrated the ______ that they were not ______ as they began to pull the weeds of an ______ way and ______ a garden of better things in their marriage. p. 131
What Did You Expect? Discussion Questions
Chapters 9-10

Chapter 9: Sticking Your Neck Out

51. Their trust wasn't ________________ in an explosion of ________________, but through the ______, drip, __________ of relational ______________ and personal ______________________ p. 137

52. Look over the Trust Questionnaire on pages 137-138. Circle 2-3 areas in which you need to grow and improve. Pages 139-149 expand on each concept. Prepare to share with the group.

53. Trust is being so convinced that you can _________ on the _________________, strength, ________________, and ________________ of another that you are ____________ to place yourself in his ____________. p. 138

54. Re-read the long paragraph in the middle of page 139 then write down 5 sentences starting with the word “trust” that impact you from that paragraph.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

Chapter 10: Someone to be Trusted

63. Trust – it's readily ________________, easily ________________, and ________ to restore. p.152

64. Trust is somethings that must _______________ be built for any relationship to be _________________. p. 152

65. ...you will grant one another _________________ trust, but you will not continue to ________________ yourself to someone who has demonstrated in a ____________ of ways that he cannot be ________________. p. 153

66. The comprehensive ________________ of marriage will ________________ you. It will _________________ your _________ heart and your true _________________. p. 153
67. Your marriage is not encased in ___________________. You are not _____________. God not only calls you to _____________, but He has already given you everything you _________ to make the changes to which He has called you. p. 154

68. ...although you __________ your spouse, you don't get your ________________, purpose in life, and inner sense of ______________ from him. You get that from the ___________, and because you__________ Him, you can build trust with your _____________. p. 155

69. No matter what the ________________ or situation, your spouse needs to be able to take your ___________ at face _______________. p. 155

70. Wholesome communication is _________ - ______________, other-regarding communication. p. 155

71. Keep the _______________ you make.....You can't let yourself _______________ the importance of the ______________ promise. p. 156

72. The building of trust always requires the admission of ________________ and a commitment to ________________. p. 157

73. You don't tend to _______________ yourself to someone who give you the _______________ that she is so busy _______________ for herself that she has little _________________ to care for you. p. 157

74. Bad things tend to happen when you give ________________ time to _________________ in your _______________. p. 158

75. You need to be rescued from ___________, because if you let the sin ___________ you have its way, you will _______________ any possibility of having a relationship of lasting ____________ with your husband. p. 160

76. Your need of ______________ changes the way you respond to your husband. Because you are ________________, you aren't judgmental and ________________ in the face of your spouse's _______________ and failure. No one gives ________________ better than the person who knows he__________ it, as well. p. 161

77. Constant ________________ is the model each of us needs to pursue in our marriage. p. 161

78. In order to __________ your spouse well, you have to fight the battle with your self-righteousness, your tendency to _______________ what you have done, and your skill at _________________ the _________________. p. 162

79. Along with ________________ and ________________, you need to ____________, ________________, ________________. p. 162

80. Trust is the fine ______________ of a marriage and so it is capable of _________________. p. 163
81. List the 6 steps in restoring broken trust from pages 163-165:

   A.

   B.

   C.

   D.

   E.

   F.
What Did You Expect? Discussion Questions
Chapters 11-12

Chapter 11: All You Need is Love

55. First, there are many things we call _______ that simply do not rise to the level of what love is. And we _______ a clear ________ of what love is and what love ________. p. 168

56. ...the problem is that they are all too __________________ with something that falls way __________________ of what God designed a _______________ marriage to be. p. 169

57. Rather than fixing what is ____________, we have learned to live with it as if it's not. We are not ___________ to seek ____________ because we don't really see the ___________ where __________ is needed anymore. We are __________________ when we should be ___________________. p. 170

58. List the 5 indicators of a love drought from pages 170-174. Also write a summary sentence for each.
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 

59. Write 2-3 sentences about each of these counterfeit love dangers: (pages 175-178)
   a. physical attraction
      
   b. Emotional connection
      
   c. Spiritual unity
      
   d. Culture
      
56. Sarah's attraction to Chris was all about what __________ wanted for __________. p. 182

61. Chris didn't get married because he loved Sarah in the true sense of what that means. No, Chris loved what Sarah ________ _________ him and his __________. p. 182
Chapter 12: Ready, Willing, and Waiting

1. They confused the enjoyment of ___________ _____________________ as love. They had confused _______________________  ______________________ and romantic _______________________ with love. They had confuses brief moments of ___________________ with love's long-term commitment to ____________________. p. 186

82. When it comes to love, the _________ of Jesus Christ is our ultimate _______________. p. 187

83. There is no such thing as love without __________________. p. 188

84. Love always has the _________ of another in view. Love is motivated by the _____________ and _____________ of others. p. 188

85. Real love does not demand ________________________, because real love isn't motivated by the _____________ on the _______________. No, real love is motivated by the _______________ that will result in the life of the person being ____________. p. 189

86. When I remember the lavish, _________________, patient, _________________, and empowering love that has been poured on me—that I could never have _____________ and will never be able to fully _________________ --I will want to ________ that love away to someone else. p. 190

87. Perhaps one of the most unrecognized sins in marriage is the sin of _________________. When we forget how we have been _______________, it becomes even easier to be comfortable with a _________________ to love others. p. 190

88. Your love for your _________________ is a very accurate _________________ of your true love for _____________. p. 190

89. When I fail to _____________ _______ as I should, I insert myself into his _________________, desiring to be _________________ over my little kingdom of _________ and demanding that those around me do _________ _________________. p. 190

90. Pages 191-203 will be covered throughout the year in class. Read through them carefully and thoughtfully then write five sentences that you want to remember:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.
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Chapter 13-14

Chapter 13: Amazing Grace

62. No one plans to ________________ in marriage, but we all do. p. 208

63. Everything that makes up your husband, what he ___________ ________, his innate ________, and his particular ________________, came out of the mind of an incredibly _______________ _______________. p. 209

64. It is virtually ________________ for you to marry someone who is _______ you. p. 209

65. Unity is the ___________ of what husband and wife do in the face of the inevitable ________________ in the lives of _________________ married couple. p. 210

66. The more you look at your husband and ____________ God as creator, the more you will tend to ________________ and appreciate the _______________ you live with. p. 210

67. When you begin to think and ______ as though your hardwiring makes you ________________, more mature, or more ________________ than your spouse, you will act and ________________ in ways that are dismissive and _________________. p. 211

68. God is in absolute ________________ of the ________________ of our lives. p. 213

69. God has a ________________ for the ________________ and locations in which He places us. p. 214

70. God is unwilling to ______, unwilling to leave you to yourself, until every microbe of _____ has been eradicated from every cell of your _________________. p. 214

71. Our desire is that our _______________ wold be the location of our ________________, ease, and _________________. p. 214

72. God designed marriage to be one of His most ________________ and efficient tools of personal _________________. He has designed your marriage to ___________ you. p. 214

73. Beneath our ________________ with the differences we have with one another is a desire for ___________ - ________________ and the delusion of self-righteousness. p. 215

74. With the love of a Father, your Lord is ____________ open your hands so that you will let go of things that have come to _________________ your ________________ but will never _________________ you. p. 216

75. Genuine ________________ for your spouse begins with practical, day-by-day ________________ of _________________. p. 216
Chapter 14: Before Dark

91. Because of who God is and because of the __________ He has given us in ________, we can face reality ______________. We can look ______________ in the face and not _______. p. 223

92. One of the most important steps in dealing with your ______________ is to admit to, and ___________ the things that are going on in your ______________. p. 223

93. If you are going to deal with your ______________, then you must be willing to overlook _______________ ________________. p. 223

94. When you are ____________, resist going where your anger is _____________ you. p. 224

95. ...speak to your spouse in a way that _____________ him up. You want to leave your spouse ______________, encouraged, and feeling _______________. p. 225

96. From the second paragraph on page 226, list what wholesome talk gifts a person with:
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 
   f. 
   g. 
   h. 

97. The sin inside you causes you to deal with your differences in a way that deepens your _______________ rather than solving it. p. 226

98. You are not __________. God is not __________ and ___________ so as to leave you without the ______________ to do what He has called you to do. p. 227

99. If the evil one can get you to minimize your _________ and doubt God's _________________, he's got _________. p. 228

100. None of our _________________ is all that God has designed each of them to be. No one reading this can say, “Our marriage is __________ and without need of ___________ in any way.” Every day we fall once again into living for _________________ rather than for ________________ and _______________. p. 230

101. Your __________ of a long-term, loving marriage is found in one place—God's __________ for you. p. 231

102. God will not call you to a ______________ without giving you, in His __________, what you need to do it. p. 231
What Did You Expect? Discussion Questions  
Chapters 15-17

Chapter 15: Eyes Wide Open

76. This was not a marriage without _______; this was a marriage without _______, and this side of __________________, walking away from the _______ never works. p. 234-235

77. God is never ________________ at the ________________ you encounter as you live with your husband....He intended marital ________________ to drive you to His ________________ and, as it does, to cause you to ________________ and ________________ together. p. 237

78. You have to _______________ the call to _______________ every day to make your ________________ what it was ________________ to be. You have to _______________ admit that you are a person who is ______________ in need of ______________ and growth. p. 237

79. You have to be a good ________________, studying your spouse and ________________ how to _______________ him in fresh _______ ways. p. 237

80. Things go _______________ when couples think they have reached the ________________ when they can _______________ from their ________________ work and chill out, lie back, and _______. Perhaps the greatest ________________ to a _________ marriage is a good ________________. p. 238

81. From pages 238-246 list the six characteristics of a coasting couple and summarize each:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

82. They learned the importance of being ________________ to _______________ and __________ no matter how ________________ things were and to respond in ______________ no matter how __________ things seemed, and they learned that they were never ________________. p. 247
Chapter 16: On Your Knees

103. The place where you _____ the war for your ___________ is on your _______. p. 249

104. There is never a _______________ in our marriage when we are not in need of the rescuing, ____________, delivering __________ of the Redeemer. There is __________ a moment when we do not need his _____________, strength, and _______________. p. 249

105. Every day we must _______________ what we want to the __________ agenda of what God has _________________. Every day we need to act in ______________ love toward one another, even though we are ____________ or ______________. p. 250

106. Marriage is meant to be a tool in God's hands to expose your __________ and to drive you to the end of _______________. It is meant to expose your self-focus and ______- __________. It is meant to convince you that you are __________ than you thought you were and to ______________ you that God's ______________ has more ______________ to transform than you thought it did. p. 251

107. So God is not only working to _____ your __________ into what He ____________, it to be; no, more foundationally He is working to reform _____ into what you were created to be. It is only as we ____________ and change that our marriages can _____________. p. 251

108. The thing that keeps us from growing is our delusion of _______________. When we think we are ____________ and ____________, we do not seek the _______ that God so tenderly and _______________ offers. p. 251

109. Everything we _____ and _____ in every situation and ________________ of our lives must be done in recognition of His ________________ and for the ________________ of His glory. We were created for His _____________ and we are called to live in constant ________________ of Him. p. 252

110. _____ is the reason for all the _________________ of marriage, and _____ is the only reliable ______________ of being able to deal with them. p. 253

111. Every _____ you do something that ______ God in some way, and every day you do something that offends one ______________. p. 253

112. The person that was so much the focus of our ________________ and _______________ has morphed into little more than the person that we _______. p. 254

113. If you are ever to have a marriage of unity, understanding, and love, you must begin with this ______________ admission: you have no ______________ whatsoever to produce the most important things that make a _________________ marriage. p. 258
114. As you _______________ to do things God's way, He _______________ rescues you from your own _______________ and forms you into a ____________ who really does find _______ in loving _______________. p. 258

115. Marriages _______________ because people have no _______________ vision for their lives then the establishment of their _______________. p. 259

116. The more each one individually _______________ and _____________ the King of kings, the more they will be drawn ___________________, sharing one dream.... p. 260

117. No one is more _______________ with the weaknesses and _________ of another than the person who has _______________ that he is also ______________ needly. p. 261

118. Prayer reminds you that successful living is all about loving _____ above all else and loving your neighbor as _______________. p. 263

119. Prayer reminds you that in your marriage there is _______ a day when you aren't called to give one another grace that has not been _______________ or ________________. p. 263

120. But prayer confronts us with a humbling _________________: we are only hooked by the evil _______________ of us because of the evil _______________ of us. p. 263

121. Prayer requires us to _________________ that the biggest _________________ in our marriage, the one thing we cannot ________________ by changes of ________________ and location, is _________________. p. 264

122. No matter how _________ you have been married, no matter how much you have learned, ____________, and changed, you ___________ stay in the battle (that _______ that rages in your _______________ between the kingdom of _______ and the kingdom of _______) and you must continue to admit your____________. p. 265

Chapter 17: Worship, Work, and Grace

He is in us, He is with us, and He is for us, but His _______ in our _______________ is not yet _______________. Until it is, each day of our marriage must be a day of _______ toil and _________________. and we will live that way only if each day is also a day of _________________. p. 269

When it comes to marriage _________________, worship is the _______________ and ________________ is the cure. It is _______________ when God is in His _______________ place that other things will be in their rightful place. p. 269

This tendency in all of us to worship _________________, is only ever defeated when it is _______________ by willing, active, and ________________ worship of God. p. 269

Whether you recognize it or not, you _________________ your way through every day. The question is, “What is it that you are _________________?” p. 270

Many marriages, between people who name themselves as _______________, have almost
It is only worship of _____ that can ___________ your worship of _______________. p. 273

It doesn't take very long to realize that you have married a person in need of _____________ and _____________. It is what you do with this realization that is so _______________. p. 275

You and I have no ability ______________ to change our spouse. And when we try, we tend to __________ ourselves to be ________________, critical, and condemning. p. 275

When you ___________ how you have been the daily _____________ of God's patience, ____________, forgiveness, and ___________, there will tend to be a natural ______________ and _______________ in your responses to your husband. p. 276

People who love _____ are those deeply _________________ of the way they have been _____________. p. 276

When you are ______________ worshiping God for His ___________, it makes it _______ for you not to give grace to your husband. p. 277

12. What we were designed to get ______________ from God who never changes or fails, we try to get horizontally from _____________, _____________, and ____________. p. 277

13. Perhaps one of the principal ______ of a _____ marriage is the sin of ___________. p. 280

14. It is in these hard moments that wives ___________ to do the hard work of love, and weak and _______________ marriages begin to become _____________ and ___________. p. 283

15. The hope of your marriage can be captured in one glorious, ________________, and ______________ word--- GRACE!!!

Look over the list on pages 281-282 and mark the items you most need to grow in.