

# SUCCEED IN YOUR MARRIAGE BY FAITH

## Various Passages

### **TRANSFORMING YOUR MARRIAGE**

*Six things that will transform your marriage*

- ❶ Pursue marital ONENESS by faith.  
(Matthew 19:3-6, Genesis 2:24)
  
- ❷ Pursue PEACE in your marriage by faith.  
(Hebrews 12:14-15, Ephesians 4:26)
  
- ❸ Resolve CONFLICT in a biblical manner by faith.  
(Matthew 18:15-17)
  
- ❹ Seek a biblical MARRIAGE ROLE by faith.  
(Ephesians 5:22-25, Genesis 2:18)
  
- ❺ Meet your partners SEXUAL NEEDS by faith.  
(1 Corinthians 7:2-4)
  
- ❻ Break the CRAZY CYCLE by faith.  
(Ephesians 5:1-2 NLT; 5:25,33)

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Genesis 1:27      Ephesians 2:10      Philippians 1:6      Philippians 2:3-5

Write down 3-5 positive character qualities of your spouse or close friends that are important to remember.

2. One of the challenges to tuning into others' needs is understanding the other person's point of view. After you read each verse below, write a guideline based on the verse to help you focus on understanding others.

Proverbs 2:11      Proverbs 11:12      Proverbs 20:5

1 Corinthians 10:24      Proverbs 16:22

As you look back at the guidelines you wrote, how would you rate yourself on each (Good, Fair, Needs Improvement)?

3. We heard this weekend that when you're stuck on something that's becoming a problem, as a couple or as friends, you need to get help. How do the following verses reinforce the importance of this idea?

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