

Marriage Matters

Skills for a Lifelong Healthy Marriage

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It is suggested in a recent newsletter from Focus on the Family that engaged couples and married couples need different types of information to build and grow their marriages. Engaged couples tend to be overly optimistic and idealistic about what married life will be like. Statistics show that just 8 hours of premarital preparation can reduce the risk of divorce by over 50 % in the first five years.

Married couples, on the other hand, need a positive infusion of hope and rejuvenation helping them to believe again in the love they promised to one another. Over the years reality can deal some difficult situations that threaten to dim a once passionate love. Recent research shows the initial chemical supercharging that fires a new love relationship wanes by years four and five. Feelings alone will not sustain a marriage. New skills and perspective can bring hope and renewal by growing the deep and lasting respect, caring, and intimacy necessary for a life long marriage.

All Marriages have the same issues to one degree or another. Research shows the particular issues faced in a marriage neither predict a great marriage nor the likelihood of divorce. Instead marital success and growth depends much more on: "How marital challenges and situations are handled."

Allan and Peggy Gorman share marital skills training for engaged couples preparing for marriage and married couples seeking to strengthen their relationship. They will cover five key areas consistently ranked at the top of marital satisfaction surveys:

1. Understanding the Nature and Design of Marriage
2. The Communication Challenge
3. Financial Management
4. Compatibility and the Impact of Attachment History
5. Sex and Intimacy

They will discuss these topics from a practical Biblical perspective relating stories from their own 33 year marriage, sharing their own successes and challenges along the way. Their interactive presentation will encourage you to engage your head, heart, and spirit through humor, sensitivity, and their deep passion to see couples experience life long healthy marriages.



Allan and Peggy have been married for 33 years. Allan is Vice President of The Marriage Coalition of Harford County. They are both passionate about seeing marriages become life long vibrant demonstrations of the character and love of God.

If your church or organization is interested in hosting this seminar, please contact Erik Sundquist to discuss date and fee.

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