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Marriage Foundations Part 3: Relating Together

There are several areas of our lives that are a sort of window into our innermost being. Marriage is one of those areas. How we relate to our spouse is one of the most direct testimonies of, or indictments against, our own level of personal maturity. Most often our own weaknesses play a devastating role in our marriages. Our final foundational lesson tackles the topic of relating to our spouse, and ultimately to God.

1) Based on our past lessons, what is the goal we are to help our spouse towards? Why is this so vitally important?

2) Why do you think we get bitter or complacent about our spouse's shortcomings or failures in achieving the goal in question 1? Does "righteous frustration" play a role when we see our spouse sin?

3) What is a godly way to handle our spouse's shortcomings?

4) What does the Bible say about the importance of our words in relating to our spouse? How about listening?

5) Is it possible to fully know our spouse and their heart? Should we ever assume we know our spouse "completely"?

6) How should we view conflict? Is conflict inevitable?

The goal of our marriages should be to honor God *and* to honor our spouse so that *they* can honor God. We should strive to enhance our spouse's glory so they can live out the glory of God.