



Journey of Love

“A Marriage Road Trip”

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What are the top 6 cars you’d like to drive?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

I. *OUR DESTINATION* - “Back To The Future”

v.25 ***“...and they felt no shame.”*** God wants to lead us back to a pure innocence with no feelings of guilt.

Psalms 51:10

Mathew 5:8

Revelation 21:27

v. 24 ***“...and they became one flesh”*** God leads us to unity with each other.

v. 15-16 ***“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”***

GOD

You Spouse

Apply: Pray the scriptures above & invite the Holy Spirit to drive your “car”.

II. THE START OF THE ENGINE

Genesis 2:18-22

v. 22 ***“Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.”***

Q: Do you fully grasp that the LORD God Almighty brought you together?

A. Do you remember how God did this? (take 2 min. to reflect on this)

B. Some people struggle with God’s part in this.

Wrong Question -Did I marry the right person?

Right Question – Am I being the right person?

We can learn to love someone we don’t even know.

Genesis 24:61-67

C. Break for Prayer with your Spouse: Thank God for brining you together.

III. THE THRILL OF THE RIDE

A. Do you remember when you first “knew/decided” you were in love?

What is love?

Love is not a _____, it is an act of my _____.

Jesus said

Apostle Paul said

_____ walk with God

_____ walk with God

_____ walk with God



B. Do you remember your first year as newlyweds?

Song of Solomon 1:2 “Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth...”



2:3-4 *“Like an apple tree among the forest is my lover among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.”*

4:11,12,16

Masters and Johnson say...

Grandpa Robinson...

Hebrews 13:4

I Corinthians 7:1-5

C. Do you need a “tune up” to the thrill of your marriage ride?

1. Date _____ each week. (all life long)
2. Have a _____ each day. (all life long)
3. Get away for an _____ couple times a year. (all life long)
4. Reverse the _____ to _____

“His Needs, Her Needs: How to build an affair proof marriage.” William F. Harley Jr.

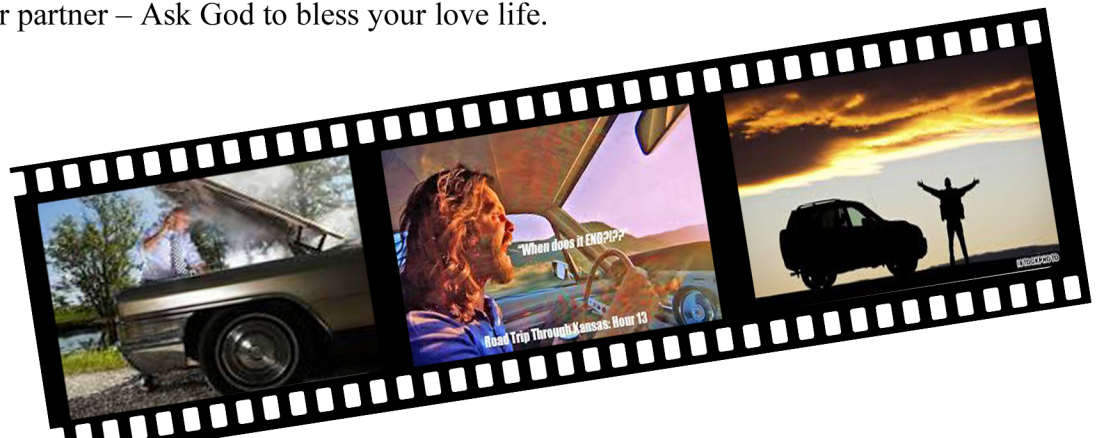
“Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman
(gifts, affirmation (written & verbal), time spent, service, physical touch)

“The Worth of a Women’s Words” by Dianne Booher

What are the top 3 needs of your spouse ? (write out yours & compare)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

D. Break for prayer with your partner – Ask God to bless your love life.



IV. THE BUMPS ON THE ROAD

A. Do you remember your first fight?

RULES FOR A GOOD ARGUMENT WITH YOUR “LOVER”

1. Stick to the _____
2. Take time to _____
3. Take time to _____ & _____
4. Set another _____
5. Seek the _____
6. Set aside _____ Eph 4:26

B. Do you remember your first financial fight?

Philippians 4:10-13

Pastor said...

Uncle Juan...

Abraham and Sarah, David and Bathsheba, Solomon & wives- all had great wealth.

Q: What do “we” do with our money?

Couple in Fairfax, Virginia
Couple in Wilton, Ct.
Couple in Beecher, Illinois -
Couple in State College, PA –
Couple in Bourbonnais, Illinois –

Acts 5:1-11

Jesus said....

I Timothy 6:10

Hebrews 13:5

Who do “we” love?



C. Do you remember losing your first love?
(or when we lose our first love)

Matthew 22:37

The most important light on the dashboard of your “car” is the

Ephesians 3:16-21

D. Break for prayer with your lover.

Ask God for help with fights, finances, and maintaining
your first love.

V. ENGINE TROUBLE

A. Intruding “dirt” in your Fuel

B. Speeding & Racing your Engine

C. Extra passengers

D. Loss of passengers

E. Twists and Turns on the Road

F. Temptation to want another “car”.

G. Backseat drivers

H. “Midlife Crisis”

Break time to prayer with your partner over any of these issues.



VI. RESTORING THE ENGINE

A. Overhauling your Relationship

B. Time for a Roadtrip

VII. THE PARKED CLASSIC

A. A Model for the younger generation to Admire

B. A Model left on earth

