

Better Together

TOOLS FOR A LASTING MARRIAGE

PART 5: BETTER TIME TOGETHER

In a culture that encourages a schedule full of commitments and responsibilities, it can be easy to let your marriage fall to the bottom of the priority list. But prioritizing fun, adventure, and consistent connection is essential in developing a marriage that lasts.

CONNECT

Take a few minutes to discuss the following questions as a group.

1. In the early days of your relationship, what kinds of things did you do together for fun? Share a fun date or trip you've been on together.
2. Think about a couple you know who seems to really enjoy being together. What stands out to you about their relationship?

LEARN

Watch the video for **Part 5: Better Time Together**.

APPLY

1. What did you notice about Gary and Teresa's relationship? In what ways have they prioritized fun and time together throughout their marriage?
2. What does an ideal date night look like for you?
3. What are the things that get in the way of having fun and connecting in your marriage?
4. Gary and Teresa talked about having "couch time" where they connect with each other for a few minutes every day. Have you tried something like this before? When is the best time of day for you and your spouse to have a regular time of connection?
5. What could you do this week to prioritize fun and connection in your marriage? Share your ideas with the group. Check in with your spouse during the week to see how it's going.



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BEFORE NEXT TIME

This week, plan a date night together. If you can go out, do it! If you can't go out, put the kids to bed early and order takeout and watch a movie. What you do isn't the most important thing—prioritizing fun and conversation is. Be ready to share your experience with the group next time.

PRAY

Take a few minutes to allow group members to share any prayer requests, and end your time together in prayer for one another and your marriages.

