

February 2009

"The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands."

Proverbs 14:1

Upcoming Events

February 4th

"Wisdom from Ruth"
Marlean Felix

February 11th

"Living with a Man in an Understanding Way"
Rob Iverson

February 18th

"Robed as Royalty"
Donna Shannon

February 25th

"Girls, Line Up!"
Missy Mehringer

February 27th

TMS Annual Banquet

the distaff

"She stretches out her hands to the distaff..." Proverbs 31:19a

Intercede ...For our Husbands

Lord, grant me the vision of a true lover as I look at my husband.
Help me to see him through Your eyes, to read the thoughts he does not put into words,
To bear with his human imperfections, remembering that he bears with mine,
And that You are at work in both of us.
Thank You Lord, for this man:
Your carefully chosen gift to me,
And for the privilege of being heirs together of the grace of life.
Help me to make it as easy and pleasant as I possibly can for him to do Your will.
Help me to help him be all that you have called him to be.

Elisabeth Elliot Newsletter, July/August 1988, Elisabeth Elliot Gren, "Intercede For Our Husbands"



Practical Ways to Love your Husband

Do what he asks first... before your own commitments.
Listen well.
Create a calm, orderly mood in your home.
Pray specifically for your husband – know his schedule.
Plan your day around him. Minister together if possible.
Plan special get-aways for just you and him.
Give him verbal praise.
Plan and prioritize your relationship in preparation of the empty-nest years.
Protect your time together daily – 10 min. a day, one night a month, one weekend a year
Go through photo albums together to remember God's faithfulness.
Send emails to him at work and school... to let him know he is on your mind.
Read through the Song of Solomon together.

"Growing in Love for your Husband," Missy Mehringer, wife of Ray Mehringer TMS Director of Admissions, Fall 2006

Helpful Hints around the Home

Submitted by:
Lai Swillum, wife of Brian Swillum

Grocery Shopping Tip: When grocery shopping, make sure you check out the sections of the store that have discounted items (I've found the best times to be in the early mornings or later at night.). In Ralphs they have "Manager



Specials" and you can get meat, milk products, and bread for incredible savings. The Lord has sometimes allowed me to buy bread with no artificial flavors or preservatives for a dollar or a little over a dollar when regular price is over three dollars. At Albertsons it's called "Reduced for Quick Sale."

A household tip: Whenever you have a strawberry or raspberry stain (I don't know how this works for blueberries!) pour boiling water or very hot tap water on it and it should come right out!



Recipe Row



Impossibly Easy Cheeseburger Pie

Submitted By: Danielle Steinmeyer, wife of Danny Steinmeyer

Ingredients:

1 lb. lean ground beef	1/2 cup Bisquick mix
1 large onion, chopped	1 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt	2 large eggs
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese	

Directions:

Heat oven to 400 F. Spray 9 inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In 10 inch skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat 8-10 min., stirring occasionally, until beef is brown; drain. Stir in salt. Spread in pie plate and sprinkle with cheese. In a small bowl, stir remaining ingredients with fork or wire whisk until blended. Pour into pie plate. Bake about 25 min. or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Ice Cream Sandwich Cake

Submitted by: Rachel Powell, wife of Gabe Powell



Ingredients:

19 ice cream sandwiches	1 bag Heath bar topping
1 to 2 jars (16 oz.) hot fudge topping	1 small bag of chopped nuts
1 to 2 cartons (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed	9X13 pan

Directions:

1. Arrange 9 1/2 ice cream sandwiches in the bottom of the 9X13 pan.
2. Warm fudge in microwave for 15-30 seconds and spread over sandwiches.
3. Sprinkle 1/2 of the nuts and 1/3 of the Heath bar topping on top of the fudge.
4. Repeat steps 1-3.
5. Spread cool whip over top of cake and sprinkle with the last 1/3 of Heath bar topping.

Cover and freeze. Thaw 20 minutes before serving and then cut into squares.



Check out www.girltalk.blogs.com/girltalk/valentines_day for some fun ways to bless your husband this Valentine's Day!

“Nothing beats love at first sight like love with insight...”

“Loving to Love your Husband”, Karen Busenitz, wife of Irv Busenitz, TMS Vice President of Academic Administration and Professor of Bible Exposition and Old Testament

God's Goodness in Love...

Submitted by: Anna Taljaard, wife of Lonngren Taljaard

How do you bring a South-African seminarian together with a gal from Texas? It is only by God's amazing grace and sovereignty. You see, before the foundation of the world, our great Lord pre-ordained Lönngren and I to meet and be united in marriage. Our story is not unique in that sense, nonetheless, we continually marvel at His work in our lives.



At the time I met Lönngren I was thirty and felt like I had lived a lot of life. God had given me the opportunity to live in various cities in Texas, Michigan, California, and even Northern Ireland. After coming to a major crossroads in my life, who knew the Lord wanted me back in Los Angeles after being away six years? I never expected this since I had thought for sure I would never return after college graduation. It did not take long for my desire to change. God used my brother Carlos, a current Master's seminary student, to help convince me that I needed to come back to serve the Lord at Grace Community Church.

It was not until a year after moving to L.A. that the Lord used something that seemed at the time to be so insignificant to change my life. I accidentally left a couple of books at my brother's house after visiting him and his family in the Inland Empire one weekend. No big deal, right? Well, I was not quite sure when I would see those books again since I only visited every other month or so. To my surprise though, my gracious brother brought them the next week to class with him, left them at the reception desk at the Grace/TMS library, and called me to come pick them up after I finished work.

Did I mention that I had seen Lönngren around church and had just told my brother about it the weekend before? This is the part where I feel it necessary to clarify that it was completely my brother's idea to have capitalized on the opportunity and find a way to get me to the library where Lönngren worked, so that I could retrieve my books and meet him in the process. What are big brothers for?

Like a scene from a romantic comedy, we met, chatted for about 5-10 minutes and the rest is history. The following day Lönngren humbly emailed my brother requesting my information. He started the email along these lines, “I come to you with my hat in my hand.” After hearing that read to me, I knew I wanted to marry him!

How thankful I am that God is in control and I am not! “I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.” Job 42:2

Attend The Master's Seminary Annual Banquet!

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Friday, February 27th , 2009
Air Force One Tours from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Hors d'oeuvres served from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with special guest Fernando Ortega
Register on line at www.tms.edu

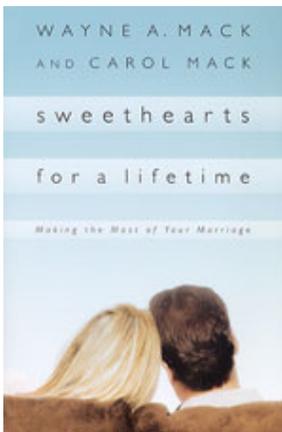


Book Review

Sweethearts for a Lifetime-Making the Most of Your Marriage

By Wayne and Carol Mack

Submitted by: Jody Sauder, wife of Kevin Sauder



“How can married people keep a good thing from turning into a bad thing? Or, how can a married couple make a good thing an even better thing as they go through life together? Answer: they must be committed to fulfilling the purposes that God, who is the Author of marriage, had in mind when He instituted the marriage relationship.” (pg. 47)

The previous quote sums up the main theme of *Sweethearts for a Lifetime*. It is a practical and helpful book to read. Wayne and Carol Mack have done a wonderful job articulating the wisdom they have learned in their own marriage relationship, as well as clearly stating what the Bible has to say about marriage and its roles and purposes.

The book is divided into three main sections. Section one focuses on “How to Keep a Good Marriage Going.” The reader is encouraged to think about the purposes, priority, purity, perspiration, permanence, and preeminence of the marriage relationship. Section two and three highlight the husband’s roles and responsibilities, and the wife’s roles and responsibilities. The Macks have included various discussion questions and application methods at the close of each chapter to probe the depths of the reader’s heart concerning his or her marriage. Each chapter is convicting and is focused on bringing a husband and wife closer together through the course of time. It has been a joy to read and a resource that my husband and I plan to use to bring God glory within our own marriage.

Mack, Wayne and Carol. *Sweethearts for a Lifetime-Making the Most of Your Marriage*.

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While we recommend many different resources for your consideration we also encourage you, the reader, to be like the Bereans who could receive a message (book) with eagerness and then examine the message against the truth of Scripture. ~ Acts 17:11