



Marriage: Built To Last | Shawn Johnson | 02.24.2024

Weekly Study

## SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

**What's one thing you've always wanted to try but haven't had the courage to do yet?**

**What's something you're passionate about that not many people know?**

**Share one thing that always makes you smile, no matter what.**

## GROW

During week four of our series, Biblical Strategies for Relationships, we had the honor of hearing from Pastor Shawn and Jill Johnson in their message, *Marriage: Built to Last*. While marriage is amazing, it's also a lot of hard work. This week, Shawn and Jill sat down with us and answered some questions about marriage that our Red Rocks family sent in over the last couple of weeks. We talked about love languages, forgiveness, communication, fake apologies, taking your grievances to God, and more. Whether you find yourself single, dating, engaged, married, divorced, or anything in between, this week has something for you.

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

**What did you think of this week's message? What stuck out to you the most?**

**Out of everything listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which one comes easiest to you? Which one is the most difficult? Why?**

**How has God designed you to give and receive love?**

**Have you and your significant other ever discussed how each of you likes to give and receive love? Explain.**

**Neil Strauss said, "Unspoken expectations are premeditated resentments." Have you ever experienced bitterness or resentment towards your significant other over an expectation they never knew existed? Is it possible this could be happening right now in some area of your relationship?**

**What's one thing you would say is important for a healthy marriage or relationship?**

**M O V E**

**Read Matthew 12:25 NIV, Romans 8:31 NIV**

Strengthening a marriage is hard work. It requires the constant pursuit of both Christ and each other, and frequent reminders of why you fell in love in the first place. Shawn reminded us to keep spending time with God, never stop dating, and choose not to quit each day. Jill encouraged us to look back to when we first fell in love, remember that our spouse is not our enemy, even if it feels like it sometimes, and that if God is for you, nothing can stand against you. Our relationships and marriages are strengthened when we remember what's important and choose to do the work.

**When tensions are high, how can you remember that you both love each other and are acting in good faith to resolve an issue? What can you do to "attack the problem, and unite with the person?"**

**How often do you set time aside to “date” each other? What are the things that get in the way of that?**

**What does it look like for you and your spouse to spend time with God? How do you feel about your current routine?**

**What’s one thing you’ve learned about dealing with conflict and/or communication?**

## P R A Y

God, thank you for the relationships you’ve blessed us with. One of the most beautiful things about your love for us is that it's perfect and unique so that each one of us can experience your love in the exact way we need it most. As your love continues to transform us, would it also strengthen our ability to demonstrate the same kind of selfless, thoughtful, and unconditional love towards the people you’ve placed in our lives. Will you fill us with the fruits of the Spirit and remind us that you are for us, and nothing can stand against us.

## R E S O U R C E S

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