

**God's Desire for Marriage – 32:30 27:30**  
**Outline Only – Common Protestant Outline**  
**(WITH 3RE CHANGES NOTED IN BOLD ITALICIZED CAPS)**

**I. Introduction and optional opening prayer (CL or CS: 0:30)**

**II. Living intimately and responsibly (Total time: 6:30)**

- A. All of us long for happiness (LH or LW: 1:30)**
  - 1. Society and the media propose various ways to find happiness**
  - 2. True happiness results from the unity that comes from living intimately and responsibly**
- B. Unity (Other Lay spouse: 1:30)**
- C. Give examples of choices I am making to attempt to live a more intimate and responsible relationship (LH or LW and CL or CS: 1:00 each)**
- D. Forgiveness and healing are a part of living intimately and responsibly (CL or CS: 1:30)**

**III. God's desire for marriage is for us to be the best couple we can be (Total time: 2:30)**

- A. "God's desire for marriage is for us to be the best couple we can be." (LH or LW: 0:15)**
- B. Read Genesis 2:24-25 (LH or LW: 0:15)**
- C. Comment on text/reading**
  - 1. Gen 2:24 – Responsible (LH or LW: 1:00)**
  - 2. Gen 2:25 – Intimate (CL or CS: 1:00)**

**IV. God reveals Himself through the love of a couple, which is their Matrimonial Spirituality (CL and/or CS: 7:00)**

- A. Read Genesis 1:26-27 (1:00)**
- B. It is through the couple's love for each other that we can come to know and understand that God is Love for all of us (1:00)**
- C. Share your awareness of the holiness of couples (5:00)**

**V. To be married is an extraordinary vocation/way of life (Total time: 10:00)**

- A. Transition** (LH or LW: 1:00)
- B. Share a dialogue on the question “Name a time when I experienced intimacy with you. What is my strongest feeling as I recall that time now?”** (LH & LW: 6:00)
  - 1. Read letters**
  - 2. Summarize dialogue and share effects**
- C. Share examples of the effects we experience when we strive for intimacy** (LH & LW and CL or CS: Total time: 3:00)
  - 1. Sexually** (LH or LW: 1:00)
  - 2. Spiritually** (Other Lay spouse: 1:00)
  - 3. Emotionally** (CL or CS: 1:00)

**VI. The call to make a conscious choice between the world’s way or God’s desire for our marriage (LH or LW: 1:00)**

**Question:**

**Name a time when I experienced intimacy with you. What is my strongest feeling as I recall that time now?**

Writing time: 20 minutes

Dialogue time: 20 minutes

Wives stay in the conference room to write (recommended).

**VII. WRAP UP AND MOTIVATION (LH OR LW: 5:00)**

- A. THE JOURNEY**
- B. TAKE HOME DIALOGUE QUESTIONS**
- C. MISSION POSSIBLE**
- D. PRESENTERS' WILLINGNESS TO STAY CONNECTED**
- E. INVITATION TO DEEPER INTIMACY (A MEDITATION)**
- F. TEASER ABOUT NEXT SESSION**
- G. TRANSITION, CLOSING PRAYER, DISMISSAL**