

## **God's Desire for Marriage - about 32:30 27:30** **Summary of Changes to the CPO O&M in order to conduct a 3RE** **(Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment)**

Unlike many of the presentations, God's Desire for Marriage has no need for a change in the beginning, as it is usually bundled with Areas for Reaching Out.

Five extra minutes come at the end, in the Wrap up and Motivation, Section VII, where one might include the following:

- Tonight we mix the difficult with the good news: we hope you are seeing how worthwhile this journey is. Journeys are easier when you have unloaded garbage from our back packs. You are over half way there. The trip should be getting easier, and maybe you even feel energized.
- Don't forget about the take home dialogue questions.
- The Mission Possible continues. In addition to the usual "Act," suggest they have a date night in the coming week, not a movie, but something where they can talk.
- Step 4 of the Seven Steps to Couple Prayer is: each person prays aloud briefly, side by side asking God for help for friends.
- The presenting couples continue to be available to support you.
- You might include something different, an invitation to deeper intimacy, a meditation. This takes about 2 minutes. Suggested wording is below:

*Before we wrap up tonight, have a look at this photo [it is the slot canyon]. Imagine yourself in this slot canyon. It is silent, and there is a sense of being far removed, even protected, from the world above. As you walk, your footsteps are quiet in the cool sand. The air smells fresh and unpolluted. As you follow the path, you move in and out of light. You let your fingertips lightly glide along the canyon walls, which feel smooth but solid. You can imagine the years it took to form them. Can you perceive the beauty of God's creation here? What do you think you'll discover around the next turn.*

*This slot canyon is like your relationship. You two are [meant to be] a safe haven for each other - you protect each other, you are there for each other. No matter what goes on in the world around you, you are walking together down the same path. As you explore each other's minds and hearts, you discover new things around every turn. You are becoming more and more aware of how beautifully crafted your spouse is. God made you for each other. Can you sense the beauty of God's creation in each other? In your relationship? What do you think your future together holds?*

*We invite you to a deeper intimacy with each other. A deeper intimacy than those conversations you had when you first met, a deeper intimacy than you've even achieved during this enrichment. We invite you to dig deep with each other. Continue your journey at home, as you dialogue, as you pray together, as you romance each other. There are many ways to deepen your intimacy. Explore them all, and relish the joy it brings to your life.*

Wrap up in a motivational manner, mentioning that next week will be a great opportunity to put into practice what they've learned so far.