

MARCHING FORWARD

MAKING YOUR MARRIAGE WHAT GOD WANTS IT TO BE

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When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him. The man was holding a sword. He was ready for battle. Joshua went up to him. He asked, "Are you on our side? Or are you on the side of our enemies?"

< Joshua 5:13 >

Sometimes having a good marriage feels like it takes a while, similar to Joshua capturing Jericho.

An important question: "Was it God's will that you married your wife, and is it God's will for you to maintain your marriage?"

These questions help us make our marriage what God wants us to have. Remember:

1. It will not be easy—there are walls between us that must slowly come down over time.
2. Do not give up hope. Continue to believe success is possible.
3. Focus on the power God provides to give you strength for the task at hand.
4. Create a team for ongoing support.

7 MARCHES WE MUST GO ON
TO BRING DOWN THE COMMON WALLS THAT OCCUR IN MARRIAGE

March #1 Make the choice.

- The commitment to love is a continuous choice we all must make.

March #2 Do what feels unnatural.

- March toward conflict instead of ignoring it.
- Be willing to lose in order to win.

March #3 Accept the outcome.

- Love can be a slow process.
- Accept that the results of our efforts may be less than we want.

March #4 Understand the walls.

- Time and experience can build walls in a relationship.
- Recognize that giving is not based on receiving.
- Establish balance in your interactions.

March #5 Accept that YOU are the biggest part of the problem.

- Take responsibility for the areas you can change.

March #6 Hone your skills.

- A good marriage takes a good lover.
- Remember the phrase "LARGE CARE" (Listen, Attention, Respect, Genuineness, Energy, Communication, Affection, Responsibility, Empathy).

March #7 Keep marching *toward* your spouse.

NOTES

BOOKS & PROGRAMS FOR
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MENTORING
discussion questions included for group or personal study

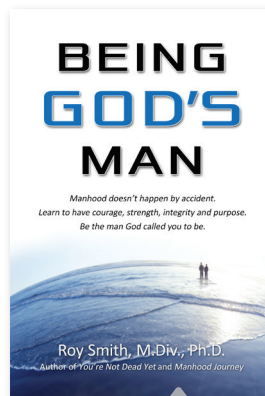
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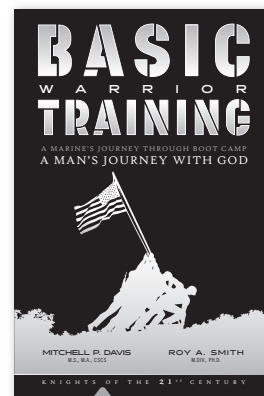
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A character-building
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