



MARRIAGE-- *What If?*

The Marriage Your Heart Longs For. ♥

GROWING TOGETHER. ♥ LOVING DEEPER. ♥ LIVING CONNECTED.

— *Not just good, but truly life-giving.* —

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GENERATE GOODNESS – What If We Learned to Feast? *When Marriage Becomes a Taste of the Goodness Still to Come*

What if your marriage could become more than simply surviving the demands of life? What if it could become emotionally safe, spiritually alive, and truly life-giving? In this Men's RoundTable series, we will explore God's design for intimacy, healing, delight, and connection through *The Deep-Rooted Marriage* by Dan Allender and Steve Call alongside *Fire and Song* by Carl W. Lehnbauer. This is an invitation for men to move beyond merely "getting along" toward cultivating a marriage that becomes truly life-giving.



GOD – MARRIAGE – GROWTH

LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE

Song of Solomon 8:13-14



1. "I WANT TO HEAR YOUR HEART" → After all the beauty, desire, conflict, separation, searching, and reunion, this is what he still wants—her voice. Not merely her presence in the house. Not simply her help with the responsibilities. He wants to hear her heart. That may be one of the deepest needs in marriage: *Let me hear your voice. Tell me what you are thinking. Tell me what you are feeling. Let me into the garden of your heart. And she answers, "Come away, my beloved."*

THE TABLE CHANGES US

Chapter 15 in D-R Marriage book



1. TRANSFORMATION → Marriage reveals how God wants to expose who I really am. Marriage brings things to the surface – our selfishness, our fear, our entitlement, our shame, our need for control, our desire to be admired, our reluctance to forgive. But, also, our capacity of tenderness, sacrifice, courage, mercy, and joy. Transformation happens because God keeps meeting us in the places we get it wrong.
2. FAMILY TABLE → What happens around a table—stories are told, arguments happen, someone spills something, people interrupt each other, someone gets offended, someone laughs until they cry, someone says, “*I’m sorry.*” That’s marriage.

BRING YOUR BROKENNESS TO THE TABLE

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1. **BECOMING KNOWN** → There's a major difference between a marriage that looks good and a marriage where people are becoming known. To be loved deeply, eventually I have to allow myself to be seen honestly. Marriage gives us an earthly experience of Romans 5:8 – “... *while we were still sinners.*”
2. **BEING LOVED** → The goal in marriage is not “*Look how broken we are.*” BUT, “*Look what love has done with what was broken.*”



WHEN WE SPILL THE WINE

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1. FAILURE → Failure doesn't have to end the feast. Every husband at some point fails the woman he loves. We forget. We withdraw. We become defensive. We say something cruel. We choose ourselves. The Question: *"What do you do after failure arrives?"*
2. MATURE LOVE → Mature love learns how to repair what gets spilled. This is where confession, forgiveness, repentance and repair become extraordinarily important. *When you fail in your marriage, do you hide, defend, blame—or repair?*

TASTE AND SEE TOGETHER

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1. RECEIVING TOGETHER → God is goodness to be experienced. One of the great responsibilities of marriage is that husband and wife learn to recognize God's goodness together. Psalm 34:8 – *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."*
2. THE BEST IS YET TO COME → Sharing life together become little foretastes of Isaiah 25:6-8 – "... wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth." Every genuine experience of goodness whispers: "There is more coming."



ACTION: Journal This!

1. Where have you experienced genuine delight in your marriage?
2. What brokenness are you tempted to hide rather than bring to the table?
3. When you fail your wife, what is your instinct—hide, defend, blame, withdraw, or repair?



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