

# *Enhancing Your Marriage*

## A Couple's Bible Study

### Introduction

**PURPOSE:** Welcome to *Enhancing Your Marriage: A Couple's Bible Study*, designed for couples who want to follow God in their marriages. He won't disappoint you, because as the Author of marriage...

- God wants to be a major player in yours
- Whether your marriage is solid or sickly, He wants to share His input with you
- He wants to deepen your walk with Him and enhance your role as husband and wife in the process
- And as the Creator of life ~ specifically yours and your mate's ~ He knows how you two should fit together

**WHY THIS STUDY?** You will learn in this study that marriage is the earthly representation of our heavenly relationship with Jesus Christ. To truly grow in our relationship with our spouses and with Christ, we must shore up every facet of marriage with God's foundational principles, practice them, and establish them. *Enhancing Your Marriage: A Couple's Bible Study* is dedicated to this process and to all couples who desire a marriage that honors and glorifies God.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE ENHANCING YOUR MARRIAGE?** All marriages will benefit, regardless of your marital history (good marriage, challenging marriage, remarriage). Your marriage *right now* is the one God wants to build and bless until death parts you and your spouse. This study will also be an encouragement to engaged couples who are looking for the firm foundation on which to build their lifetime together.

**STUDY DESCRIPTION:** If we claim a relationship with Jesus Christ, the first place it should be evident and credible is in our marriages. We will explore

- our foundational relationship with the Author of life and how His attributes assist us in our marriages
- the effect of The Fall on marriages and God's provision that enables us to return to His original intent for marriage
- the powerful 90-degree dynamic of our relationship with Jesus Christ and our relationship with our spouse
- the many areas of marital —bliss!—covenant, unconditional love, forgiveness, respect, communication, headship, submission, romance, sexual intimacy, friendship, praying for each other, and more—and how God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine through His power at work in us

**GUIDELINES:** You will walk through 38 lessons as a couple together, or as a group (Bible study or Sunday School class), meeting until you have completed the study. There is Personal Application weekly—always between you and God, daily between you and your spouse—as you apply what you learn.

**APPLICATION (OR HEARTWORK):** The purpose of the application is to practice during the week in your life and in your marriage what you learn from God. As God is teaching you, be prepared in your heart and in your mind to share what you're learning with your spouse.

**COURSE MATERIALS:** *Enhancing Your Marriage: A Couple's Bible Study* consists of 38 weekly lessons, each of which lean heavily on God's Word. Participants should arrive at each meeting with their Bibles in tow.