

Discussion Questions

1. **Redefining the Goal:** Gary suggests that God designed marriage to make us *holy* even more than to make us *happy*. When you look back at a particularly difficult week in your marriage, how does changing the goal from "happiness" to "spiritual growth" change the way you view your spouse's "annoying" habits or shortcomings?
2. **The "Mirror" Effect:** It's often said that marriage acts as a mirror, revealing our own flaws rather than just our spouse's. What is one thing about your own character (patience, selfishness, temper) that marriage has "exposed" recently, and how can your spouse help you grow in that area without it feeling like a critique?
3. **The Concept of "Sacredness":** If we truly viewed our spouse as a "sacred" gift from God—rather than just a partner in life's logistics—how would that shift our daily tone of voice and the way we speak about them to others?
4. **Mission vs. Maintenance:** Gary mentions that great marriages often have a sense of "mission." Aside from raising children or paying bills, what do you feel is the unique "spiritual mission" or purpose God has given you as a couple to impact the world around you?
5. **Practical Grace:** In the video, we see that intimacy is a skill we develop through honesty and a "blessing mentality." What is one "small win" or practical way you can choose to "bless" your spouse this week, even (or especially) when you don't feel like they "deserve" it?