



Redemptive *Marriage*

Walking with God ... Together.

Requires a belief that the **redeemed heart** is good.

Requires that a person's **glory and heart** is pursued, not their sin.

Requires awareness of wounds, which brings about **compassion** rather than condemnation. There is a commitment not to hold one another in or by their wounds but pursuit of healing that leads to **freedom**.

Can't be a substitute for **God** and what only He can provide.

Requires personal **intimacy** with God, and awareness and commitment to walking with Him.

Requires acknowledgement that we are in a **battle** and have an enemy that opposes us.

Must be **honest**, though loving and kind. Not fearful to share, offer or ask.

Requires that each should be intimately **aware** of the other's story: Wounds, Vows, Arrows, Glory, Healing, Desires, Calling.

Requires lives to **intersect**: pray, play, worship, eat, share, and journey *together*.

Is becoming **Intimate** and **Transcendent**: knowing and being known.

Requires both the man and the woman to offer what they have. Both need to **contribute** and **participate**. Neither one's glory should be muted.

Offers a safe and trusting place where **deep places** of the heart and soul can be touched, shared as well as worked out. May feel pulled or affected by what God is doing in the other's heart.

Will be **messy**. Don't avoid it. Change and disruption are necessary. God will bring a spouse into the process of restoration, refinement, wounding, and warfare of the other's heart.

Must be **missional**. It is larger than itself. Two becoming one, and the two becoming more, then offering who they are to the world, bringing life to others.

It reflects something larger and will go through stages of **refinement** and **transformation**.

Requires an awareness that **there is a pull** to take our question to our spouse as the primary one to answer rather than the supporting role. Our marriage to God is primary, and to one another the close second.

