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SERIES	Whether you're a newlywed or celebrating your golden anniversary, you've probably come to realize that a good marriage requires hard work. Let's talk about what people with healthy marriages know and do to keep their relationship strong.

1. Why is it important for married couples to focus on their marriage relationship above all other human-to-human relationships?
2. Pastor David said, "No relationship between human beings is as intense" as the marriage relationship. Explain and show how this is supported in the Bible. Read Genesis 2:23, 24. Ephesians 5:33, Eph. 5:25, 28 Proverbs 18:22.
3. How has our culture altered the vision and purpose marriage? Is this only a modern day problem? Read Psalm 78:63, Matthew 19:7-9
4. How can we guard our relationships and marriages from the influences of society and culture?
5. Explain how God's purpose in marriage is unveiled in the mystery of Jesus, the heavenly Father and the Gospel as self-sacrifice, unconditional love and grace.
6. Expectations are the enemy of love because expectations are about "my needs and wants." How does this same attitude impact our relationship with God, in addition to our marriages?
7. Ephesians 5:1-2 exhorts us to follow God's example to walk in the way of love and follow the example set by Jesus. How does submitting to self-sacrifice, unconditional love, and grace strengthen your marriage and your relationship with God?
8. Proverbs 17:27 says, "The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered." How do you identify and then modify your behavior so that you can walk in love, show gratitude and owe everything but expect nothing from your spouse?
9. What are you doing this week to remind you to keep up your "homework assignment" to "out sacrifice" you spouse?
10. Explain how marriage is the laboratory for getting ready for eternity with God.