

Should Marriage Matter to Me?

Week #6

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1. "Yes, marriage should matter to me because marriage is a _____ that God provides to help me navigate the tough times in life"
2. Examples of Tough Times in Life that a good marriage can help us get through:
 - Health Problems
 - Financial Reverses:
 - Job Changes
 - Job Loss
 - Unexpected and large expenses
 - Moves to new communities, or out of state
 - Difficulties with Children
 - Caring for Older Parents, Relatives, Married Children, or Grandchildren
 - Having one or more children in College at the same time!

Which of these have YOU had at some point in your marriage?

3. Joseph obeyed God, and decided to honor his marriage _____ to Mary, even though he knew the child was not his.
4. Zechariah and Elizabeth found themselves with a _____ late in life, but they honored God, and raised their son John to _____ the way for the coming of Jesus Christ.
5. God Himself chose to place John the Baptist AND baby Jesus in _____!
6. A healthy _____ can also be a means of God's grace to help us through life's tough times. It can help bring _____ for the loss of a spouse.
7. Good first marriages require _____ from both partners. Good second marriages require just as much commitment, _____! True commitment can't happen, however, if one or both partners are still _____.
8. A _____ marriage is NOT the Biblical norm. In a second marriage, the partners must give primary focus to each other and to building their relationship, because children can try to _____ them.