



## Loving Your Mate

& Loving It

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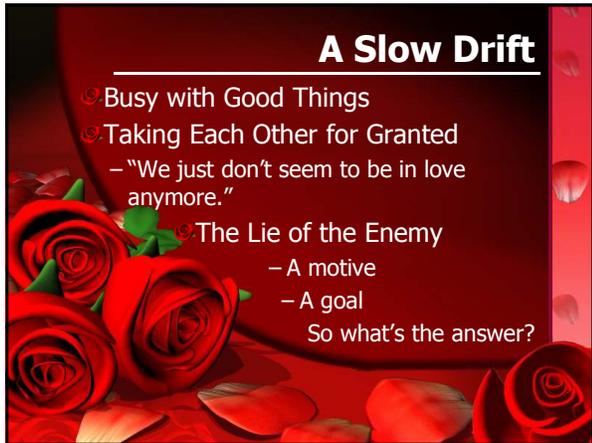
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## A Slow Drift

- ☉ Busy with Good Things
- ☉ Taking Each Other for Granted
  - “We just don’t seem to be in love anymore.”
- ☉ The Lie of the Enemy
  - A motive
  - A goal
  - So what’s the answer?

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## Renewing Our Vision

☉ “This is my beloved  
and this is my friend.”

Song of Solomon 5:16

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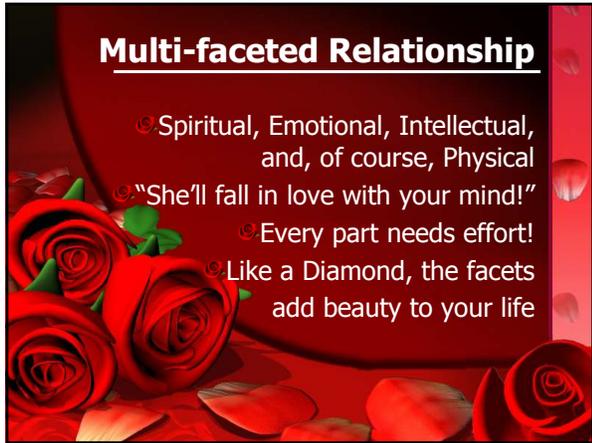
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**Multi-faceted Relationship**

- Spiritual, Emotional, Intellectual, and, of course, Physical
- "She'll fall in love with your mind!"
- Every part needs effort!
- Like a Diamond, the facets add beauty to your life



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**THIS IS MY BELOVED...**



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**Beloved?**

- Dearly Loved
- Sweetheart
- Dear Heart
- Cherished
- Precious
- Darling
- Lover



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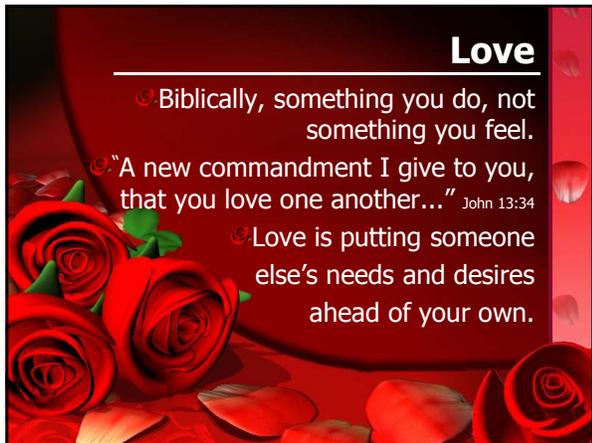
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## Love

- ☉ Biblically, something you do, not something you feel.
- ☉ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another..." John 13:34
- ☉ Love is putting someone else's needs and desires ahead of your own.

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## Our Mens' Needs

- ☉ Our Respect
- ☉ Our Affection
- ☉ Our Friendship
- ☉ Our Help

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## Putting Them First

- ☉ Is That Fair?
- ☉ Winning Without a Word
  - Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. 1 Peter 3:1-2
- ☉ Well, who are we trying to please?  
GOD!

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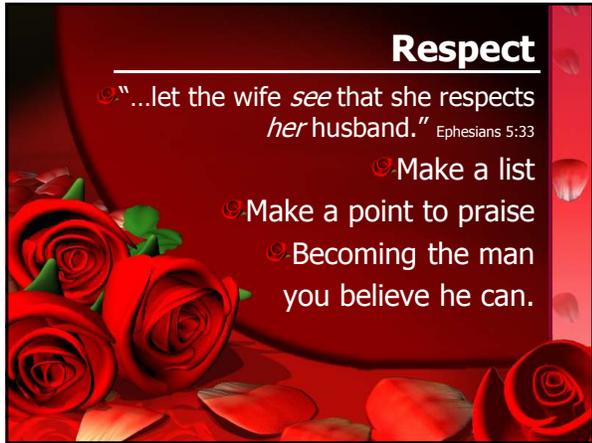
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**Respect**

- ☉ "...let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband." Ephesians 5:33
- ☉ Make a list
- ☉ Make a point to praise
- ☉ Becoming the man you believe he can.

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**Affection**

- "Let my beloved come to his garden And eat its pleasant fruits." Song of Solomon 4:16

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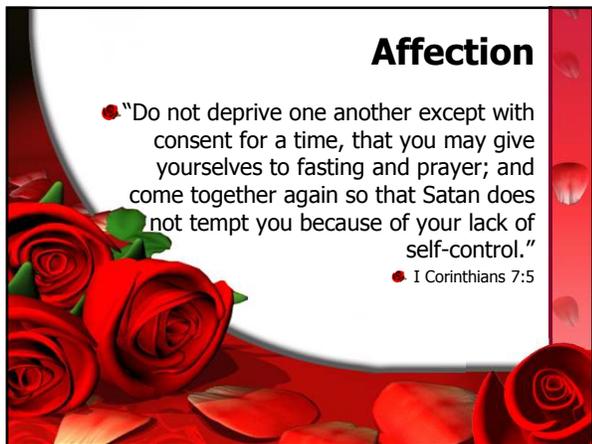
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**Affection**

- "Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control." I Corinthians 7:5

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## Affection

- ② Understanding Yourself
  - Exhaustion
  - Hormonal Cycles
  - Response
  - Fear vs Trust

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## Affection

- ② Understanding Him
  - Temptations
    - Failure
  - [covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com)
  - raisingrealmen
    - Rebuilding
      - Stress
      - Comfort
      - Confidence

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## ...AND THIS IS MY FRIEND

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## Friendship

- Easy to lose, but can be regained!
- "A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly..." Proverbs 18:24
- Marks of Friendship
  - Loyalty
  - Shared Experiences
  - Shared Ideas

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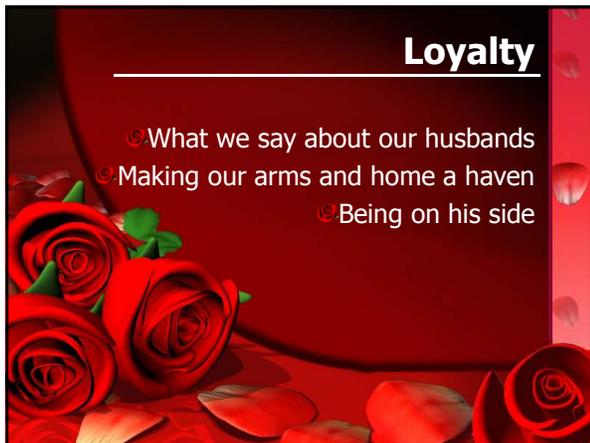
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## Loyalty

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- What we say about our husbands
- Making our arms and home a haven
- Being on his side

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## Shared Experiences

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- Having Fun Together
  - What did you enjoy?
  - Daycations
- Working Together
  - Join him in chores
  - Projects
- Remembering...

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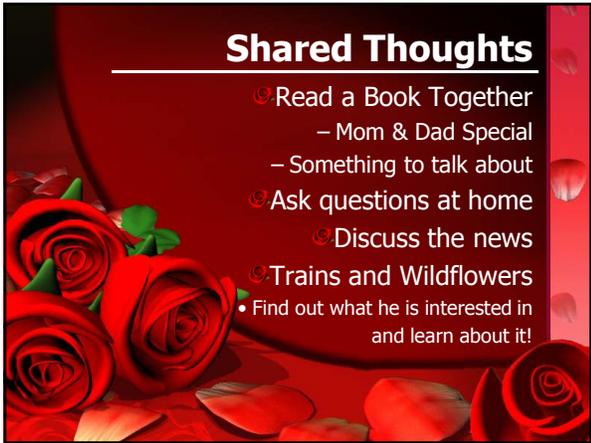
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## Shared Thoughts

- Read a Book Together
  - Mom & Dad Special
  - Something to talk about
- Ask questions at home
  - Discuss the news
- Trains and Wildflowers
  - Find out what he is interested in and learn about it!

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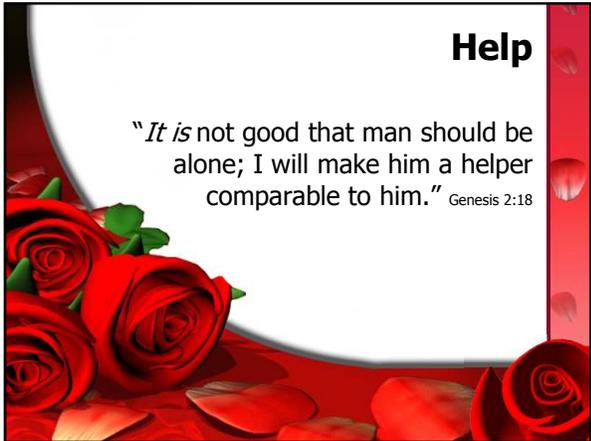
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## Help

*"It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."* Genesis 2:18

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## Help

- A freedom and a responsibility
  - Changes our hearts
    - Makes submission easier
      - Becomes an act of love

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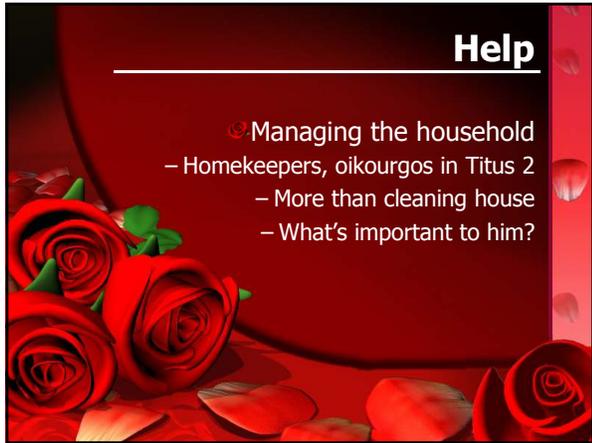
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## Help

- ☉ Managing the household
  - Homekeepers, oikourgos in Titus 2
  - More than cleaning house
  - What’s important to him?

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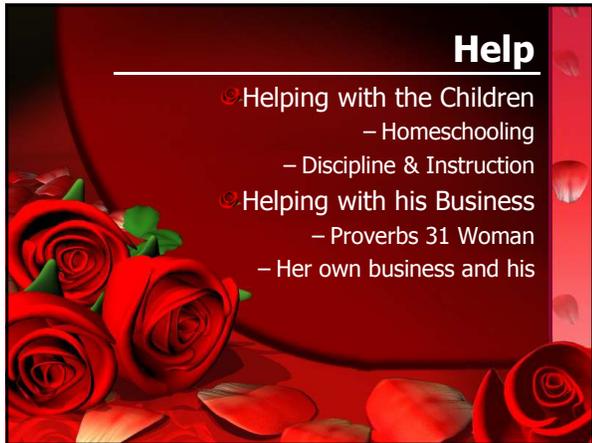
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## Help

- ☉ Helping with the Children
  - Homeschooling
  - Discipline & Instruction
- ☉ Helping with his Business
  - Proverbs 31 Woman
  - Her own business and his

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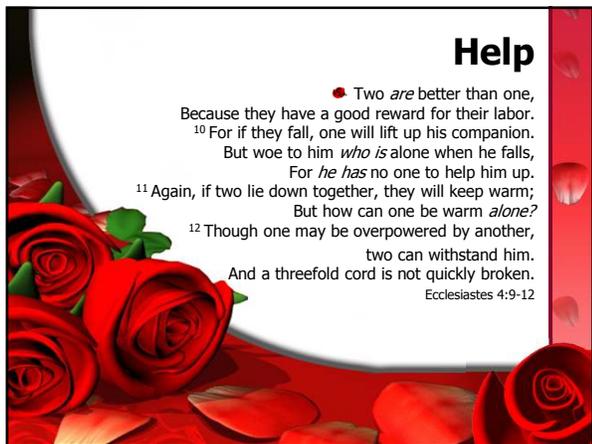
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## Help

- ☉ Two *are* better than one,  
Because they have a good reward for their labor.  
<sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.  
But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls,  
For *he has* no one to help him up.
- <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;  
But how can one be warm *alone*?
- <sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered by another,  
two can withstand him.  
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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## Help

- Companionship
- Perspective
- Joy

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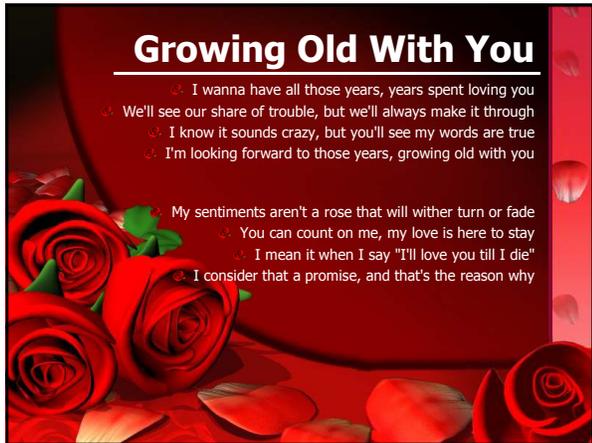
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## Growing Old With You

- I wanna have all those years, years spent loving you
- We'll see our share of trouble, but we'll always make it through
- I know it sounds crazy, but you'll see my words are true
- I'm looking forward to those years, growing old with you
- My sentiments aren't a rose that will wither turn or fade
- You can count on me, my love is here to stay
- I mean it when I say "I'll love you till I die"
- I consider that a promise, and that's the reason why

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## Growing Old With You

- I can see us at ninety, near the end of our ride
- On our front porch swing, sitting side by side
- I'll put my arm around you, and whisper in your ear
- "It's been the pleasure of my life, all those years"
- Matthew Henry Young
- Facebook.com/matthewyoungmusic

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## Loving Your Mate

- ☺ A Lifetime of
  - Trials overcome
  - Memories shared
  - Joys multiplied
- ☺ It's worth it!

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## OUR NEXT BOOK

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## Great Waters Press

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