


The Busy Homeschool Mom's™ Guide to Romance

Nurturing Your Marriage Through the Homeschool Years

STARRING STORIES OF HOMESCHOOL ROMANCE
...if there IS such a thing ...



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You don't understand the pressure. Mine I just can't homeschool and meet your needs too.

After a week of neglect, sobbing and agonizing, your husband asked for that one more thing that topped her over the edge... what is it?!

Reality Check!



Myth vs. Reality

- Start by recognizing that homeschooling is going to add unique joys and stresses to your marriage.



Why Your Marriage Matters



1 Peter 5:8
 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
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One Flesh

Genesis 2:24

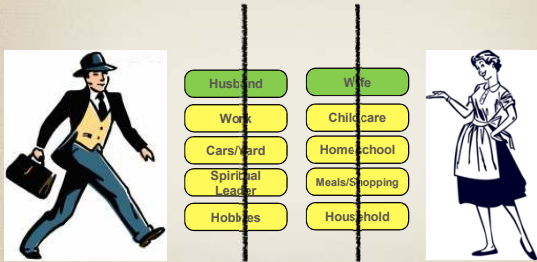


A Cord of Three Strands



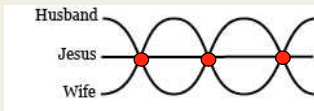
Parallel Living vs. Entwined Lives

His World - Her World



Parallel Living

Entwined Living



- Sex
- Shared Interests
- Purposeful Interaction

That Girl

Where she went... how to find her again



4 seasons of That Girl:
(The girl your husband married)

- Dating (self-focused)
- Newly Married (husband-focused)
- Children Arrive (sleep deprived- can't focus...)
- Homeschooling (child-focused)

The Homeschool Vortex



in the vortex

Latin is more important than *lingerie*
 You're all-homeschool... *all-the-time*
Date night doesn't exist

Are YOU in the vortex?

Three questions to ask:

1. Has homeschooling taken priority over my marriage?
2. Are my husband and I living parallel lives?
3. What does our bedroom say about our marriage?

Myth:
Sex isn't really
that important.

separateness



Creating White Space
Making time for your marriage

- ☞ Your calendar says a lot about your priorities.
- ☞ Combine activities
- ☞ Leave at least two days in a row unscheduled.

Hope for the Broken Hearted

“He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.”
Psalm 147:3



Four Steps to Healing

- Be Real.
- Seek wisdom.
- Be Committed.
- Do your part.



Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is
the little voice
at the end of the day
that says
I'll try again tomorrow.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of His might..."
(Ephesians 6)

Where does true strength come from?

“But they that wait upon the Lord will renew
their strength; they shall mount up with wings
as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and
they shall walk and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:31

The Legacy of Real Life Romance

~ Finishing well ~

- Keep your eyes on the finish line
- Pursue intimacy
- Pursue *God's heart* for your marriage



That Girl

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