

Marriage Matters
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Notes for Sunday School Class 1

The book is divided into 3 sections: 2 of which we will deal with

Section 1: God is in the Ordinary Moments

Section 2: Extraordinary Love in the Details of Marriage

Section 1: Marriages Change in Ordinary Moments

 **Ordinary Moments**

Usually, this kind of change requires _____, careful steps over a long period of time.

God is involved in EVERY _____ of your marriage

More than that, He wants _____ to be a part of that work.

 This passage identifies _____ ingredients necessary for the ordinary moments of marriage to become extraordinary moments of change:

1. Marriages change when we recognize God's _____ for so-called ordinary moments.

2. Marriages change when we're willing to love in _____ Christlike ways, especially in the difficult moments.

3. Marriages _____ when we're willing to love consistently, over time,
_____ because our spouses change but because we're in a growing relationship with God.

Your marriage will change when you make _____ choices and keep making those choices
in light of your relationship with God – a relationship that is eternal and bigger than your marriage.

Ordinary Moments Reveal Our Problems with God

Passage Matthew 19:16-22

Jesus' ordinary moment with the rich young ruler

What is the rich young ruler's blindspot?

Your Relationship with Your Spouse is a _____ into Your
Relationship with God.

When You Look Through the Window, What Do You See?

Why is Jesus angry at the Pharisees?

What are they missing?

Their definition of worship doesn't include _____.

What does the rich young ruler do in the end?

Your Relationship with _____ Can Powerfully Transform Your Marriage

He'll _____ you to exercise that kind of love as you love HIM!