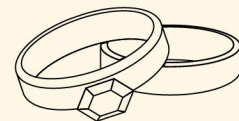




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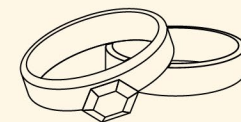
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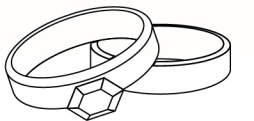
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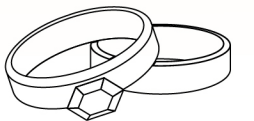
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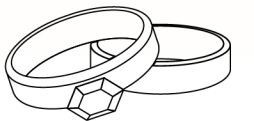
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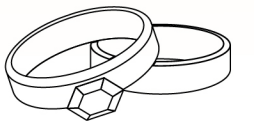
- Improvement that matters to God comes from God.



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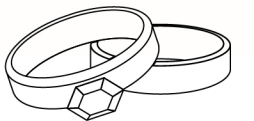
- Jesus is the most important person in our lives and our marriages.



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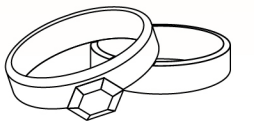
- If we are unwilling to grow as Christians, we cannot improve our marriages in a way that honors God.



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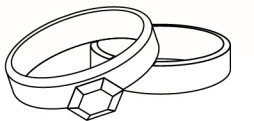
In this conference, we will learn more about

- encouraging each other to grow in the Lord
- understanding what it means to have Christ in our marriages
- understanding what it means to have a gospel-centered marriage
- understanding God's kingdom purpose for marriage



Questions

Do you believe you and your spouse are about the same in your spiritual maturity? If not, which of you do you think is more mature spiritually? Why do you think that?



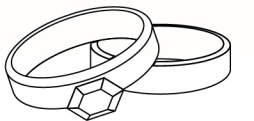
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How often do you pray specifically for the spiritual growth of your spouse?



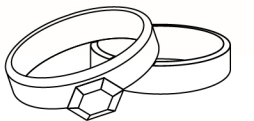
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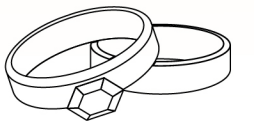
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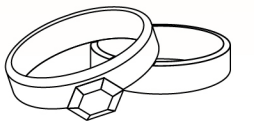
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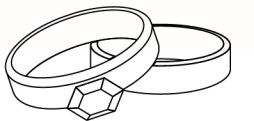
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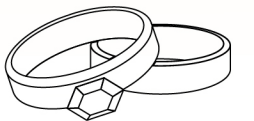
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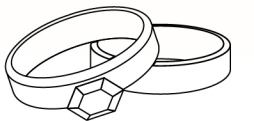
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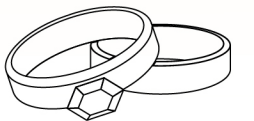
Marriage between a woman and a man who are faithful followers of Christ and desire that their marriage be an expression of the love for Christ.



Definitions

Spiritual growth

In short, spiritual growth or spiritual maturity means to become more Christlike through the transforming power of the Spirit and God's Word.



Definitions

The Gospel

The Gospel is God's great story according to the perfect authoritative Word of God. It includes

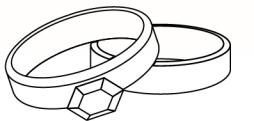
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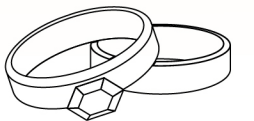
The Church



Definitions

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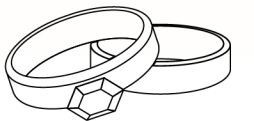
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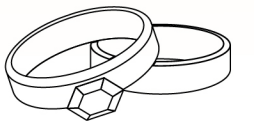
Everything is done in complete reliance on what God accomplished through Christ crucified and enabled through His Spirit.



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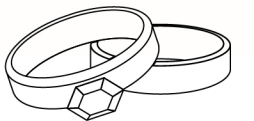
Everything is done with the purpose of displaying this message of grace.



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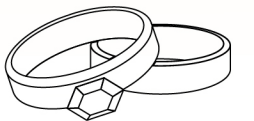
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Everything is done in a way that treasures Christ above all.



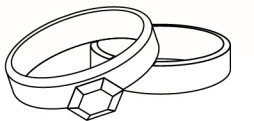
More Presumptions

We believe that the Bible is God's inerrant Word and authoritative for our lives when rightly interpreted.



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We believe that salvation is by grace alone
through faith alone.



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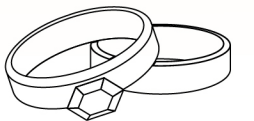
We believe that God wants our marriages to thrive for His glory and His kingdom purposes.



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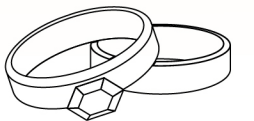
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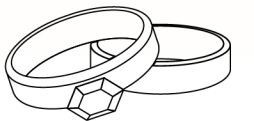
- See their marriages first and foremost in terms of God's purpose for marriage rather than their own.



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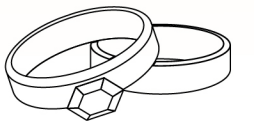
- Understand how spouses can become equal, but not identical partners in one another's spiritual growth.



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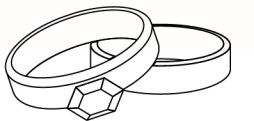
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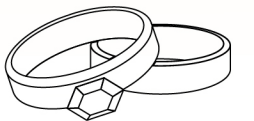
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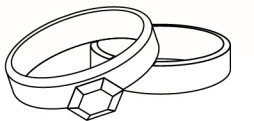
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- Encouraging means being willing to begin wherever your spouse is and move forward from there.



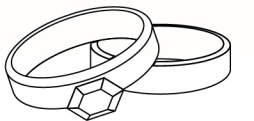
One more definition - Encouraging

- Encouraging means being patient – not everyone grows quickly and not all growth is in a straight upward line.



One more definition - Encouraging

- Encouraging means being forgiving – not just of current failings, but past and future ones too.



One more definition - Encouraging

- Encouraging means noticing spiritual growth.

