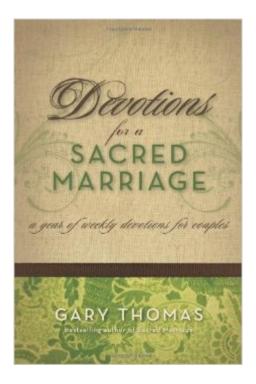
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Devotions For A Sacred Marriage: A Year Of Weekly Devotions For Couples





Synopsis

What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? By popular demand, the author of Sacred Marriage returns to the topic of how God uses marriage to expand our souls and make us holy. With all new material, Devotions for a Sacred Marriage explores how God can reveal himself to you through your marriage and help you grow closer to him as well as to your spouse. Fifty-two devotions encourage you to build your marriage around Godâ [™]s priorities. From learning to live with a fellow sinner, to the process of two becoming one, to sharing our lives as brothers and sisters in Christ, Devotions for a Sacred Marriage challenges couples to embrace the profound and soul-stretching reality of Christian marriage.

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Customer Reviews

I am a big fan of Gary Thomas' books, and I especially appreciated his "Sacred Marriage," which I consider the most foundational Christian marriage book (among many) that I've read. When I discovered this "Devotions for a Sacred Marriage," I was intrigued to see what Thomas might offer. Much to my delight, this collection is not simply a repackaging of the same material from "Sacred Marriage." Instead, this devotional contains all new material, though certainly aligned with the primary themes from "Sacred Marriage." Rather than recycling old content as a marketing tool to capitalize on a previously successful book, the devotions are fresh and actually further develop his initial ideas. And having already embraced the themes of "Sacred Marriage," I found Thomas' further ruminations to be similarly challenging and stimulating for thought and conversation.My

primary critique of the book is our inability to establish any sort of rhythm in reading through it. In contrast to most devotional books with their daily entries, there is only one devotion per week (and more substantial in nature than daily devotionals, too), intending to increase the likelihood that a couple might actually find the time to do it. And though I appreciate this idea in theory, we found in practice that we were never able to develop a weekly habit of reading this devotional together, since it wasn't regular enough to become a habit. So, it actually took us three or four years to make our way through this book, rather than one year as it was intended. Though I still appreciated what we read, any sense of continuity or momentum was lost in reading it so sparingly over the years.Our lack of regularity notwithstanding, I still thought that "Devotions for a Sacred Marriage" was helpful.

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