



PART 1: The Director's Chair

INTRODUCTION

There are countless songs about love. But real life doesn't always look like our favorite love song. What do you do when your expectations of love and marriage don't always get met?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What hopes and dreams did you have at the start of your marriage, specifically about your relationship with your spouse?
2. How did culture influence your expectations in marriage?
3. How does culture currently impact your marriage expectations?
4. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. Think of a time when you followed your own script. Compare that to a time when you tried to follow Jesus' script for marriage.
5. At what point have you earnestly asked Jesus to direct your life? How easy or difficult is it to put his script into practice in your marriage?
6. What can you do that will help you keep Jesus in the director's seat of your marriage?

MOVING FORWARD

"Jesus directs my marriage by directing me." This concept seems obvious, but how often do we actually practice this principle in our lives? Read Ephesians 5 with your spouse this week and compare God's script for marriage with your own.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33