

THE MAKING OF AN *agape* MARRIAGE

an introduction related to:

- ⚓ *Spiritual matters within the marriage*
- ⚓ *Constant communication and accountability between husband and wife*
- ⚓ *Understanding and avoiding role confusion*
- ⚓ *Balancing family responsibilities, work and church life*

MARRIAGE ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR

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When: Tuesday 28th April 2025

Where: Word of Life PH Church - Qormi

Time: 19:30 - 20:30

*"Agape marriage is the daily choice to love with grace, serve with joy,
and forgive with freedom."*

COUPLES' WORKSHEET

1. Marriage as Spiritual Formation

Discuss together:

- How has our marriage shaped our character?
- What is God refining in each of us?

Fruit of the Spirit (choose one to practice this week): Love • Joy • Peace • Patience • Kindness • Goodness
• Faithfulness • Gentleness • Self-control

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2. Communication & Accountability

- Do we feel heard by each other?
- What helps us listen better?
- What area of my life do I invite you to help me grow in?

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3. Roles & Responsibilities

- Are our expectations clear or assumed?
- What strengths do we see in each other?
- What responsibility needs rebalancing?

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4. Balancing Family, Work & Church

- Are we overwhelmed or balanced in this season?
- What drains us? What restores us?
- What boundaries do we need to set?

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5. Daily Practices of Holiness

Rate together (Strong / Needs Growth):

- Praying together
- Encouraging each other
- Apologising quickly
- Forgiving freely
- Serving joyfully
- Managing tone and reactions

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Closing Reflection

Where is God using our marriage to make me more like Christ? What one step will I take this week?

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Pray together to close. (Write your prayer)

SECTION 1—

MARRIAGE AS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Romans 12:1–2
2 Corinthians 3:18
1 Thessalonians 4:3
Hebrews 12:10–11

SECTION 2—

COMMUNICATION & ACCOUNTABILITY AS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Communication

Ephesians 4:29
James 1:19–20
Proverbs 15:1
Proverbs 18:21
Colossians 4:6

Accountability

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, 12
Galatians 6:1–2
Hebrews 3:13
James 5:16
Proverbs 27:17

Communication + Accountability + Holiness

Ephesians 4:15
Matthew 18:15
1 Peter 3:7
Colossians 3:12–14

The Heart Behind Communication

Luke 6:45
Psalm 141:3

SECTION 3—

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PATH TO HOLINESS

Genesis 1:27–28
Genesis 2:18, 24 Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

SECTION 4—

BALANCING FAMILY, WORK & CHURCH AS HOLY STEWARDSHIP

Family Stewardship

Josua 24:15
Deuteronomy 6:6–7
1 Timothy 3:4–5
Proverbs 22:6
Work Stewardship
Colossians 3:23–24
Proverbs 16:3
1 Thessalonians 4:11–12
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Church & Ministry Stewardship

Matthew 6:33
Romans 12:1
1 Peter 4:10
Hebrews 10:24–25

Wisdom for Life Balance

Psalms 90:12
Proverbs 3:5–6
Mark 6:31
Ephesians 5:15–16

Integrated Holy Stewardship

Colossians 3:17
Micah 6:8

SECTION 5—

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: HOLINESS IN DAILY MARRIED LIFE

Persevering Together in Holiness

Hebrews 12:1–2
James 1:2–4
Romans 5:3–5
Galatians 6:9

Unity as a Spiritual Discipline

Ephesians 4:2–3
Colossians 3:14–15
Philippians 2:1–4
Psalm 133:1

Covenant Faithfulness & Commitment

Malachi 2:14–16
Matthew 19:4–6
Ruth 1:16–17
Proverbs 20:6

Spiritual Growth Through Shared Obedience

Joshua 24:15
1 Thessalonians 5:11
Hebrews 10:24
2 Peter 1:5–8

Prayer, Dependence & God's Presence

Matthew 18:19–20
Philippians 4:6–7
James 5:16
Psalm 127:1