

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

## 5. Fan

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HEBREWS 12:1

<sup>1</sup> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

HEBREWS 10:25

<sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

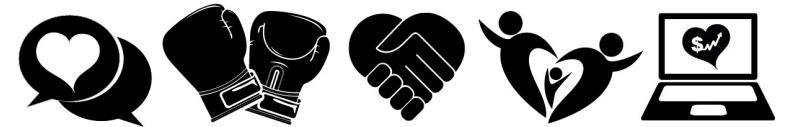
## Conclusion:

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### Reflection Questions:

1. If your marriage were indeed a sports team, where would it be ranked? Top five? Top ten? We win some, we lose some? We're losing more than we win?
2. In what areas does your teammate need some coaching? What about you?
3. How do your family and friends provide fan support for your marriage?
4. What is the greatest strength of your marriage team?

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



## Building a Winning Team

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### Introduction:

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EPHESIANS 5:25

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

GENESIS 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup> And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. <sup>19</sup> And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. <sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; <sup>22</sup> and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. <sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

PROVERBS 24:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: <sup>4</sup> And by knowledge shall the chambers be filed with all precious and pleasant riches.

## COMPONENTS FOR WINNING TEAMS:

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Architect

MARK 10:6-9

<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; <sup>8</sup> and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Coach

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

<sup>30</sup> But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

COLOSSIANS 2:3

<sup>3</sup> In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

<sup>16</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

JOHN 15:7

<sup>7</sup> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

### 4. The \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ setting

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

<sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

HEBREWS 10:36-39

<sup>36</sup> For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. <sup>37</sup> For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. <sup>38</sup> Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. <sup>39</sup> But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:27

<sup>27</sup> But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

### It's important in marriage to build disciplines governing how the couple makes decisions:

- Rearing children
- Spending the family budget
- Resolving conflict

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