



Team Playbook



Empowering Couples for Winning Marriages A MarriageTeam E-publication - February, 2011

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Prayer Requests



Pray for the couples currently being coached.

Pray that our awareness efforts will be blessed.

Pray for coaches who are serving others - that they might receive wisdom.

Pray for a successful May 5th Radiothon.

A New Look

From our perspective, if you are reading this you are already a part of MarriageTeam. It is

really quite easy to be a team member. If you have told someone about us, referred a couple to coaching, volunteered to help, become a coach couple, provided financial support, received coaching services or simply are a faithful reader of this e-publication, you are part of the team. Our job is to help you be the best team member you want to be. So to further that objective, this e-publication is being restructured to:

- Share encouraging and inspiring stories of team successes
- Provide additional opportunities for you to participate
- Give useful tips on strengthening your own relationships
- Share volunteer opportunities and other needs
- Provide ideas for you to help strengthen marriages
- Solicit your feedback

So, let us know what you think and how we can better support you as a valuable team member. Don't hesitate to [drop me a line](#).

Al Ray
Executive Director

Two Weeks from Divorce

Jason was 2 weeks away from walking out of his marriage. After more than a year of counseling, and the guilt of an affair eating at him, he didn't see any hope for his marriage. Meghan, his wife of just under 3 years, was distraught. With all their hope put into their counseling sessions, it seemed like they would end up another statistic. To hear Jason describe it "*[counseling] was just a revolving door. Each week we'd meet, empty our burdens, our counselor would spend most of their time playing referee, then we'd leave their office with some vague idea of what we should do for a week*

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Watch one [wife's testimony](#) shared with a group of couples who were training to be coaches. Coaches are making a difference and you can learn how to be a coach and achieve similar results just like they have. [Contact us](#) today.

Record Breaker!

As of 2/14/11 - we have 43 couples currently in marriage coaching! Our highest amount ever! Praise the Lord!

Marriage Myths**Myth:**

Co-habitation before we get marriage is like a 'trial run' to see if our marriage will last.

to make our marriage work." It clearly wasn't working for them ... (to read how what happened next, [click here](#)).

The "Elephant in the Room" Syndrome - *Bob and Jean Haskins*

There seems to be a recurring drama in coaching couples. I know that there are exceptions to everything but in our experience this is generally what happens.

The scene: At the first meeting we introduce ourselves, then we ask, "What will you do to achieve your goal?" This is answered with...

[\(click here to continue reading this story\)...](#)



Encouragement from your fellow coaches.



What YOU can do to save marriages!

- **Forward this e-mail to a friend** who is struggling/encourage them to find out how Coaching can help!
- **EOBO - Every One Bring One!** If every coach couple encouraged another couple to be a Marriage Coach, we'd continue to double our impact and save more marriages! For coach training times and locations, [click here](#)
- **Volunteer to be our bookkeeper!** We need someone to volunteer their services for 5-6 hours per MONTH. [Click here](#) if you can help!
- **Radiothon Phone Center Volunteer.** We need volunteers for our May 5th Radiothon on 104.1 The Fish. If you want to help answer donor calls in our phone bank, [click here](#).
- **Write a story for this e-publication.** Our new e-newsletter has been designed with you in mind. If you'd like to share your story, [click here](#) to find out more!
- **If you were helped by MarriageTeam,** consider becoming a coach! You don't need to have the 'perfect marriage' to help others in need! The need is great, we need those willing to step out in faith!

[Click here to find out why this is a myth.](#)

Question of the Month

What is cited by 60% of divorcing couples as their reason for separating?

1. Infidelity
2. Financial trouble
3. Communication
4. Growing apart



If you know the answer, [click here](#) to post it to our

FACEBOOK PAGE. We'll post this edition's answer in next months publication.



Did you know that February 13-19, 2011 is National Marriage Week! Celebrate your commitment with these ideas...

A Drive Down Memory Lane...

No really, take a DRIVE down memory lane! Pick a starting point - maybe it's where you first met, had your first conversation, or shared a first kiss. Park your car and enjoy the special

memories from that specific time in your lives - tell each other a favorite story and describe the feelings you had in that period of your lives together. Drive to your next memory spot - maybe it's where you proposed, or said "I Do", or your first apartment together. Continue describing favorite memories, feelings, and times.

For an added punch, write a note or letter for each planned stop to share with your mate - tell a favorite story and describe what your spouse meant to you in that period of your lives together. Each stop can be meaningful, fun, and filled with memories of your lives together as a couple and you can throw in dinner, dessert, a movie - whatever best creates your specific Memory Lane!

Anniversary Surprises...

Plan an evening out together to celebrate your anniversary. Pick at least two things to do during your time together that remind you of the periods when you were dating, engaged, or in your first year of marriage. Plan these parts of the date together. Then, plan a small surprise for each other such as a nicely written letter, a meaningful gift (something sentimental can mean just as much as something expensive), a short drive to a special location, or a time reenacted. Make it thoughtful! End the night with a glass of champagne celebrating your years together as a team!



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