



Falling for You

DATE NIGHT IN BOX

FAITH DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion Guide

It is God's promise to you that as you continue to love each other and seek His wisdom in your relationship, He will reveal Himself to you in beautiful ways. Be sure to have your Bible handy to look up scripture. If you don't have access to one, check out the Bible Gateway app available on your Apple or Android device. For a custom Date Night In Box - Faith playlist featuring Christian artists, visit datenightinbox.com/faith.

As you enjoy your Date Night In Box tonight, you are falling in love with one another all over again. Being in love is a beautiful thing for anyone. However, as Christians, it becomes even more beautiful when we think about how marriage (and love) was created and designed with intention by the creator of the universe. God created us to be intimate, not only in our relationship with Him, but also in our relationship with each other. Can we just take a second to marvel at just how amazing that is?! The ultimate creator of the universe loves us enough to incorporate love and intimacy into our beings. Not only that, but He loves us enough to have the desire for us to share an intimate, personal relationship with Him.

In this discussion guide, we want to take time to embrace this gift of intimacy the Lord has given to us. We also hope to remind you how God designed marriage to work and, most importantly, the purpose of a Christian marriage. Keep in mind, if you are not married yet that is totally fine! Ultimately, dating is the first stepping stone in building a foundation for a successful marriage. If this is the case for you, we hope this discussion is helpful as you look to your future together.

Let's begin with the **"why?"**

Genesis 2:18-24 The Lord God said, *"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."* Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, *"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman' for she was taken out of man."* That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Marriage was rooted in God's divine plan of creation from the very beginning. It is God's doing, and it is from Him. He created marriage to be an intimate relationship between a man and woman joined together for a lifetime

commitment. We cannot ignore the first verse in this section; God says He will make a 'helper' suitable for Adam. This seems as if God created marriage as a way to help and support one another. Marriage was specifically created for a man and woman to walk in their faith together, making each other stronger, encouraging each other, and most importantly seeing God's love through the love we have for one another.

Now let's move to the **"how?"**. How did God design marriage to work?

Take this time to meditate on the following scriptures together. Read the verse aloud and then take a minute to think about what it means to you. Once you both have meditated individually, discuss together what you got from it and how it can be applied practically in your relationship to bring God glory.

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** (talk specifically about what you think verse 8 means)
- **Ephesians 5:22-28**
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**
- **Colossians 3:14-17**

End your discussion guide with the following discussion questions:

1. What do you believe is the ultimate purpose and goal of a Christian marriage?
2. How can your marriage be a reflection of God's love to each other? To others?
3. What areas of your marriage make your walk with God stronger? What areas could use some work?

A PRAYER FOR YOU TO SAY TOGETHER

Dear Lord, thank You for loving us enough to design the beautiful gift that is marriage. We praise You for creating the special, intimate bond that comes with a Godly marriage. We hope to use our marriage to grow in our walk with You and be encouragement for one another. We also ask for Your guidance as we use our marriage as a way to ultimately bring You glory, in the eyes of each other and in the eyes of those around us. Thank you for the overwhelming, never ending love You have for us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen