

## FOREVER LOVE - Part 1, Foundation Discussion Questions

1. In the beginning of the video, we spoke of the importance of a good foundation and how we can build on all kinds of foundations. Some are firm and some are weak and can create a situation where things eventually collapse.

- What is your foundation? Individually and together?

2. In the video we said, "Marriage isn't meant to make you happy, it's meant to make you holy."

- What does that mean to you?

3. Marriages get messy as we saw in the story of Abraham and Sara. In Genesis 15:4-5, God promised Abraham (Abram) an heir. But Sara didn't get pregnant for some time so she instructed Abraham to sleep with her handmaiden. She *really* wanted a child so she took matters into her own hands, completely disregarding the promise of God. This sounds bizarre but we do take things into our own hands rather than stand on the foundation that God has provided.

- Is there a time when you feel like you have chosen your own way over God's? How did that work (or not) for you?

4. Read Matthew Luke 1:26-38, and 1:18-25. Joseph and Mary found themselves in an incredibly unique situation! They stood on His promises regardless of the circumstances, in the midst of likely public shame and ridicule. Ultimately they trusted God and did things His way.

- Where do you need to trust God in your marriage? Is there anything you feel God has promised you? What are those things? Do you believe God will honor those promises?

Maybe you are finding yourself alone in your marriage. Maybe you watched Part One of this series and are wondering how you can find victory when your spouse isn't willing to do things God's way. Let us encourage you! We have seen first hand how God can take your prayers for your spouse and marriage and do something amazing. If that's you, then we pray God will give you strength to hang in there, remembering those words of Mary - "*For nothing will be impossible with God.*" (Luke 1:37, NRSV)