

# Coaching: Marriage Matters



## Discussion References

### **Week 31            Managing Your Emotions**

#### **2 Corinthians 13:5**

*Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular check-ups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. (The Message)*

### **Week 32            Making Things Worse**

#### **Matthew 18:21-22**

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. NIV*

### **Week 33            Unfaithfulness in Marriage**

#### **Malachi 2:15-17**

*Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. NIV*

*So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith. You have wearied the LORD with your words. NIV*

### **Week 34            The Goal Is Reconciliation**

#### **Matthew 5:9; 1 Peter 3:8**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. NIV*

*Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. NIV*

### **Week 35            What Sex in Marriage Is Not Part 1 of 3)**

#### **Matthew 6:25-26**

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? NIV*