

# 10. The Marriage Bed

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## OPENING DISCUSSION:

*Share your experiences from Assignment #9 BEFORE watching Session 10:*

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

*There is no Scripture passage for Session 10*

## KEY IDEAS:

1. You always carry the true character and quality of your relationship into the marriage bed.
2. Sex, by its very nature, is an act of worship - you either worship God or you worship self.
3. If sex is only about your pleasure, it will be very easy to replace your spouse with pornography.
4. God empowers weak people to do amazing things by His enabling grace.
5. God is in the business of painting His grace on the canvas of human souls; will you be a soft-bristled brush in His redemptive hands?

*Below is intentionally left blank for additional notes on Session 10:*

## DISCUSSION:

1. How have you grown in knowledge and understanding over these 10 sessions? In other words, how have you expanded your “theology” of the heart, worship, and marriage? Write down some specific and concrete examples before sharing aloud:
  
2. Remember that the purpose of Scripture is not just informational, but transformational. What selfish and sinful tendencies have been exposed to you about yourself during these 10 sessions? What new hope do you have for your marriage? Write down some specific and concrete answers before sharing aloud:
  
3. Remember that you are not only called to be a recipient of grace, but a participant of grace as well. What have you learned about marriage that you can bring to others? Write down specific people to whom you can be an instrument of grace (respecting confidentiality if necessary):

## FOR PERSONAL REVIEW ONLY:

*These questions are intended for personal review only, not group discussion. If these questions reveal sexual addictions or sinful tendencies in your life, seek help from the body of Christ or a trained professional counselor.*

1. What pleasure motivates you in the bedroom: the pleasure of God or your own pleasure?
  
2. How might you be using your spouse as a tool for your own sexual pleasure, instead of caring for them by worshiping God in the act of sex?
  
3. What sexual struggles are you experiencing in the marriage bed? What might these struggles reveal about your character outside of the bedroom?