

Study #3 Aaron Ironside

LORD I NEED A MIRACLE

WARM UP

“Dear Abby, Do all marriages go stale after 25 years? Ours has. My husband and I don’t talk much any more. We used to talk about our kids. But now they’re grown and out of the house. I have no major complaints with my husband. But the old excitement is gone. We watch a lot of television. We read books. We have friends. But when we’re alone, it’s pretty dull. We even sleep in separate bedrooms now. Is there some way to recapture the old magic? Signed, The Song Has Ended.”



BACKGROUND

Dr Willard Harley has identified the basic marital needs of men and women. For women: (listen, men!)

1. Affection - touching and holding.
2. Conversation -15 hours a week on average.
3. Honesty and openness - must be able to trust him.
4. Financial support - enough money to live comfortably. Anything over \$50,000 has no bearing on happiness or wellbeing.
5. Family commitment - needs him to be a good father.

READ Proverbs 5:18-19

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. Which of these 5 are most important to your wife?
2. How do you meet that need?

3. When was the last time you took her on a date?
4. What is one thing you’d recommend to the other men to try? Share with the guys things that have worked for you.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER



MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will be accountable to the men in my group about keeping a date night with my wife.

CONSIDER THIS

I was reading about a lady who wasn’t happy in her marriage. So she went to see her psychologist, Dr. George Crane. And she said, “Dr Crane, I hate my husband. I don’t appreciate the way he treats me. I want a divorce! And I want to hurt him as much as I can”. Dr Crane said, “Well, if you really want to hurt him, this is what you should do. Start showering him with compliments. Tell him you love him, what a good husband he is, and how after all these years, you’re glad you married him. Write him little notes of appreciation. And after a few months, when he thinks everything is going great, start the divorce action”. So she did everything he suggested. A few months later, she went back to Dr. Crane. And he said, “Well, are you ready to file for divorce?” She said, “Divorce? Why would I want to do that? I love my husband!”

You see, once she performed the actions of love, the feelings of love all came back. If you devote yourself to giving your spouse creative, loving attention, you’d be surprised at how fast the feelings could come back.

WRAP UP

Ephesians 5:25 says, “Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”.