

# Faith

## *The First step to a Healthy Marriage*

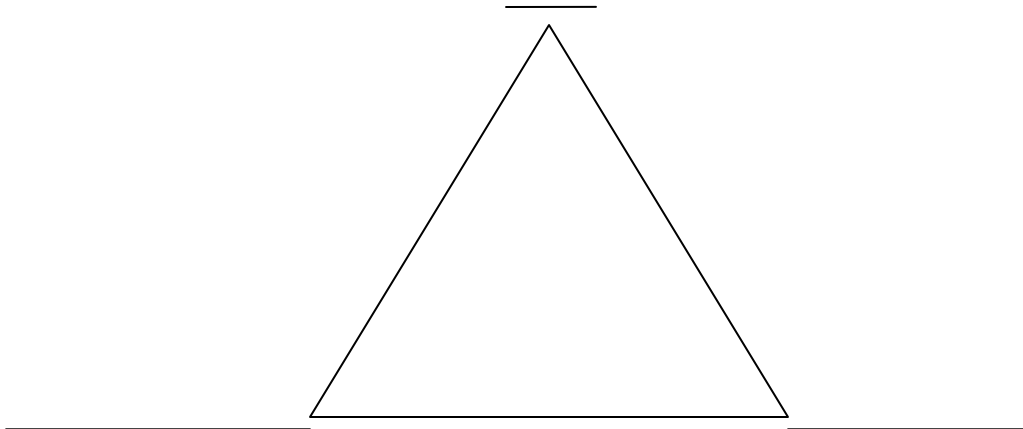
*Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?*  
*-Amos 3:3*

*Faith is not just how and where you worship God, it's the glue that holds your marriage together!*

*Think of marriage as a “one-flesh” relationship wherein your two lives are inseparably bound together.*

*Marriage is more than a legal relationship; it is primarily a covenant relationship with God and your spouse.*

*Marriage works best when God is at the center of both of your lives!*



## **Questions for you to consider**

- 1. Is God at the center of your life? If so, how are you making your selection of a spouse in light of your relationship with God?**
- 2. Do you agree that your marital relationship is strongest when you and your spouse have a living and vibrant relationship with God that involves your public times of worship and your private times of devotion and daily decision-making? Why or why not?**
- 3. Do you view marriage as primarily a legal matter sanctioned by the state, or as a spiritual union based either upon the “one flesh” concept or upon the idea of marriage as a covenant partnership with? What are the implications of your view?**
- 4. Do you believe that a shared religious faith is essential for a healthy, lifelong marriage?**
- 5. Have you shared openly about the role religion plays in each of your lives, and what role it will play in your marriage?**
- 6. If your spouse to-be- told you he or she did not share in your religious faith, and did not welcome discussions about how your marriage would be guided by your faith, would you still choose to marry this person?**