



MARRIAGE ADVICE FROM THE CARMEL FAMILY

Healthy marriages do not happen by accident. They require work & dedication. We asked a few Carmel couples to share a piece of marriage wisdom - and here is what they said!



Henry and Susan Greene *married 52 years*

Don't give up on each other, life happens when you are making plans and sometimes it is a surprise, never stop dating and remember who holds you and holds your marriage ; A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12: pray together!



Pastor Alex and Christy Kennedy *married 33 years*

Make time to pray together on a regular basis and don't stop laughing together through the tough times. Also focus more on your own walk with the Lord without always critiquing your spouse's walk.



Scott and Catherine Nations
married 31 years

Remember that you didn't marry a mind reader. Over-communicate during the first few years! Pray for each other daily. Splurge a little more on fun times together!



John and Fredrea Smith
married 26 years

Always forgive and communicate, communicate.



Patrick and Shannon McCrory
married 24 years

Always look for joy and healthy contentment in the "season" you are in, and don't strive to get to the next "season" of life too fast.



Calvin and Connie James
married 22 years

Surrender each of your individual desires to the Lord – then He'll unify your desires and make you one.

**MARRIAGE
NIGHT**

ON DEMAND

Available through October 10

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**David and Jessica Quesenberry
married 18 years**

You can't change your spouse, but trust God has a perfect plan and your spouse's weaknesses might be your strength and vice versa. And to love is to serve.



**Nikki and Brady Hoffpauir
married 13 years**

"Don't let the meatloaf ruin your marriage."
Basically don't let the small things or lack of open communication get in the way of you being a team.



**Will and Megan Daniel
married 39 days today**

We don't really feel qualified for this, but here's what we have found helpful: Consider how the two of you are together creating a new way of living, rather than trying to convince the other to adopt your old way of life.



**Sophia Garrison and Andy
engaged to be married October 3**

We've been told multiple times to keep dating your spouse! We would really encourage engaged couples to breathe easy! Do your best to maintain a short term and long term vision simultaneously. This is a special day, but by no means the finish line!! Also, if you can avoid planning a wedding amidst a pandemic, that doesn't hurt either!



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