



## 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**

This month, we've partnered with Right Now Media for **Marriage Night On Demand** and invited all Carmel couples for 3-hours of impactful teaching from a stellar team.

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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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