

# Helping Struggling Couples

June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Minister & Wives Webinar

## OBJECTIVES:

- How can we encourage healthy marriages within our church?
- What are important skills which ministers and wives can use as they work with couples?

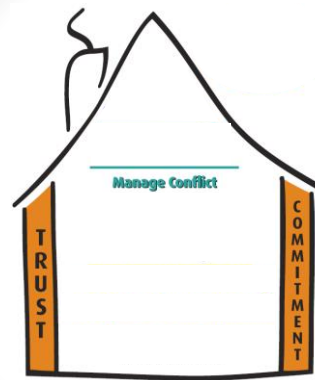
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## Fundamental Theorem

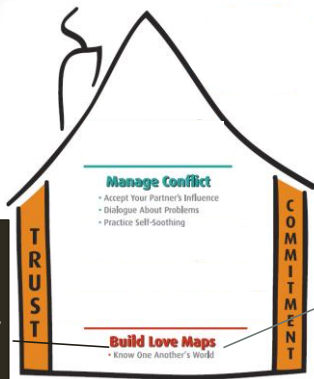
We were created for relationship.  
(Gen. 2:18)



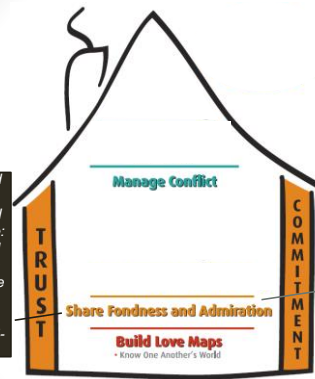
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*"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."*  
Rom 12:15

Encourage spouses to make bids for connection.

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*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you... thoughts of peace, and not of evil..."*  
Jer 29:11

Help them see the motives they attribute to their spouse.

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*"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."*  
Rom 12:18

Focus on understanding before agreement.

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*"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."*  
Ps 37:4

What does your spouse want to excel at? How can you support that?

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*"... as being heirs together of the grace of life..."*  
1 Pet 3:7

Share experiences together.

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## Questions

- How do you help couples regain trust after it has been broken?
- What is some advice for helping couples in which one spouse is not a believer and/or is harboring unbelieving attitudes?
- How do you encourage a couple when one (or both) of them does not feel there is any sort of a problem?