There is no other message more encouraging than the Gospel. When we speak the Gospel into the lives of our spouses, we encourage them in the truest sense.

## Task:

- 1. Review Gospel-rich Bible texts.
- 2. Create a notes file on your phone for Gospel messages.
- 3. Text Gospel encouragements to your spouse.

## **Gospel Rich Bible Texts**

When you speak the Gospel to your spouse, you not only reaffirm God's view of them, but you adopt that same view.

Example: Rebekah, God has shown His righteousness by

His forgiveness of your sins.

#### Romans 3:23-26

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Example: Rebekah, you are free from sin. The fruit of your life is holiness.

### Romans 6:22-23

### Romans 8:1-2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

#### 2 Corithians 3:2-6

- <sup>2</sup>Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:
- <sup>3</sup> Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
- <sup>4</sup> And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:
- <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;
- <sup>6</sup>Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- <sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- <sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- <sup>19</sup>To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- <sup>20</sup> Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- <sup>21</sup> For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### Ephesians 2:1-14

- <sup>1</sup> And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- <sup>2</sup>Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- <sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
- <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- <sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- <sup>6</sup> And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

- <sup>7</sup> That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
- <sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- <sup>11</sup>Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- <sup>12</sup>That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

#### Colossians 1:13-23

- <sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- <sup>14</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
- $^{15}\mbox{Who}$  is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- <sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
- <sup>19</sup> For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
- <sup>20</sup> And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
- <sup>21</sup> And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
- <sup>22</sup> In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:
- <sup>23</sup> If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

### Ephesians 1:3-8

- <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
- <sup>4</sup>According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- <sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- <sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- <sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- <sup>8</sup>Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

#### 1 Peter 1:2-9

- <sup>2</sup> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
- <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- <sup>4</sup>To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- <sup>5</sup>Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- <sup>6</sup>Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- <sup>7</sup> That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- <sup>8</sup> Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- <sup>9</sup> Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

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