



## MARRIAGE TOOLBOX | WEEK 2

### THE TOOL OF IDENTITY

#### **Tool One: Be Who You Were Created to Be**

“Then God said, “Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness].”  
Genesis 1:26 (Amplified)

“So God created humankind in His own tzelem, in the tzelem Elohim (image of God) created He him; zachar (male) and nekevah female) created He them.”  
Genesis 1:27 (Orthodox Jewish Bible)

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

“We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and shield.” Psalm 33:20

“Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” Ephesians 5:1-2

#### **Tool Two: Practice Love and Respect**

“Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.”  
Ephesians 5:33 (NASB)

Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for it.” Ephesians 5:25

“Guide older women into lives of reverence so they end up as neither gossips nor drunks, but models of goodness. By looking at them, the younger women will know how to love their husbands and children...” Titus 2:3-4

Now that you have taken care to purify your souls through your submission to the truth, you can experience real love for each other. So love each other deeply from a pure heart. You have been reborn... 1 Peter 1:22-23a

“The wife must see to it that she respects her husband.” Ephesians 5:33

Peter advises husbands, “Live with your wives in an understanding way...” 1 Peter 3:7

The heart of the wise instructs his mouth...” Proverbs 16:23