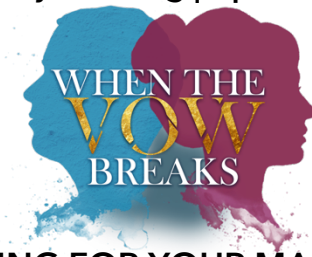


Sunday Morning | April 9, 2017



PRAYING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

DANIEL 9:1-19 (NLT)

I. LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN.

TRUTH: We need to listen to God before we speak to God (Deut. 11:27; Ecc. 5:1).

TRUTH: We listen to God by reading His Word.

II. LEARN.

INSIGHT: To learn means what you read stays in your mind.

INSIGHT: We promote reading through the Bible each year because it requires reading in the Bible every day (John 15:7).

POINT: Unanswered prayers in your marriage and home may indicate a broken connection with the Lord and lack of time in His Word.

INSIGHT: If you want a life of answered prayer, you need a Daniel-type life of never going to bed without time in the Bible and prayer.

INSIGHT: The more we know the Bible, the more prayers we'll have answered.

III. GOD'S PLAN AND YOUR MARRIAGE

LIFE PRINCIPLE: God made us for a purpose; He has a plan for our lives and marriages, but it's not automatic.

TRUTH: God's timing and our praying determine the outcome of our lives and marriages.

INSIGHT: If you are connected to God, obeying Him in what you know to do, in His Word every day, asking for His blessing and favor, but nothing's happened yet... Rest, knowing you are waiting on His timing.

IV. SEEK GOD FIRST (Luke 12:31).

TRUTH: God takes care of the people who put Him first.

INSIGHT: When we don't ask God for wisdom, guidance, blessing, or His permission... God backs off and leaves us to our own devices and error (Hosea 5:15).