

A Marriage Made in Heaven

No conquest occurs without secret doubts or hard lessons learned. Anita Brooks' relationship with her husband is no exception. She gladly shares transformational truths that saved her marriage:

- ♥ NO, you did not marry the wrong person! Do not buy into this lie.
- ♥ Love is a verb which requires action, not a warm and fuzzy noun that just happens to you. Choose to love your mate by looking for good things to appreciate. Focus on whatever is pure, lovely, and admirable.
- ♥ We don't make each other happy. As a matter of fact, we don't make each other anything. We accept each other as creatures made in God's image, with different pieces of His personality put together uniquely. Marital love is a life-long commitment of unconditional love, given to an imperfect person.
- ♥ Sometimes we don't see eye to eye, but it's okay to agree to disagree. It's often better to sacrifice being right, for the greater good of peace.
- ♥ A pleasurable marriage never includes put downs or digs. Each spouse focuses on the best of each other and does NOT talk negatively behind each other's backs.
- ♥ What kind of person would you like to come home to each day? Are you that person for your spouse? Smile, show appreciation and greet them with interest about their day. Be positive - Choose *against* chronic complaints. Do you like to be around a chronic complainer?
- ♥ A great marriage does not look to unhealthy or unreal "outside influences" such as romance novels, pornography, or affairs for a happier home life. Stop trying to live up to unattainable fantasy — explore the joy of genuine sexual pleasure as designed by its Creator.
- ♥ Ask your mate to come out and play! When was the last time you simply had fun together? Laughter is a good medicine, and a sick marriage often needs a healthy dose.
- ♥ With confession comes mercy, and love covers a multitude of sins. A wise person once said, "You don't keep secrets — secrets keep you." Don't let invisible walls grow because of unspoken guilt or regret.
- ♥ If your spouse braves the wall, and shares something they have been hiding, be gracious. Remember the mercy you would like to receive in light of your own failings.
- ♥ When life on this earth ends, God will hold us accountable for our behavior in all relationships. Our marriage will be the greatest test of all. Did we honor it as the treasure it was meant to be?
- ♥ In marriage it is equally true, "It is never too late for a fresh start with fresh faith!" With God ALL things are possible!

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