

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND APPLICATION

1. What is hope? Why do you think hope is so important for any relationship, especially marriage? How is Biblical hope intrinsically different from the hope the world offers? What does 1 Peter 1:3-5 tell us about Biblical hope?
2. Biblical hope assures us that God is working in our marriage for good. Read Daniel 3:16-25 and consider their commitment and the test they endure. Also, read 2 Kings 6:11-17 and consider their situation and the disparate views they hold. How can these passages be applied to marriage?
3. Biblical hope fills the gap between what is and what can be. This hope gives encouragement that through Christ, real and lasting change for the better can occur in marriage. Read Ephesians 4:20-5:4 through the eyes a marriage relationship. Give at least three specific examples of how these verses can be applied to the marriage?
4. John Trapp, the Puritan, wrote, "He who rides to be crowned thinks little of rain along the way." What are some of the many ways that our certain hope of eternity can change the way we view our marriage?
5. How can you daily build up your faith and your marriage by living with greater hope in God and His purposes?

## *God's Treasures for Marriage: II* *"Faith, Hope and Love"* *(Selected Scriptures)*

### *I. Hope for Marriage*

### *II. Having Hope in Marriage*

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### *III. Application*

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