

# NewSpring Church Personal Study Guide

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To say “I have hope” is a powerful statement. It means that one can envision future possibilities and desired outcomes. In marriage, hope is critical. When our marriage is not all that it could be, we must have faith that one day, through Christ, our relationship will match the picture we have in our mind. We must hope. Despite circumstances, despite the negativity of now, despite feeling of frustration, we must hope. We can hope for our marriage to get better because, through Christ all things are possible.

- We want immediate results. We have to realize that working on a marriage takes time and that there will be rough patches. What are your long-term goals for your marriage? What can you do right now that will have a positive impact on our marriage?
- Many people are afraid to tell their spouse about the temptations and struggles that they face. How does sharing those details eventually make a marriage stronger? Why should we be willing to deal with the short term discomfort of the truth?
- Read Ephesians 3:20. Why do people have such a hard time believing that God’s plan for your marriage is bigger than you could have ever imagined? What is God doing right now in your life that is beyond what you expected?
- What are some reasons people may be frustrated with Jesus in regards to their marriage? Some people think it is too late—what are some reasons people give for it being “too late” for their marriage? What encouragement could you give them?

The bible says that hope and faith are intertwined. “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1). No matter what condition your marriage is in, it can get better. Change in our marriage begins with hope. What do you hope to see in your marriage in 5 days? 5 months? 5 years? For that to become a reality we must believe that through faith in Christ, our vision can become a reality. What does God want YOU to do to make your marriage better?



