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Listen Archives Podcast More However, when I found out that I was pregnant we moved the wedding up to July. That caused a big problem: So for the first two months of our marriage, it was me, Jose, and his two roommates. Living with my new husband and a couple of other men was one of the most difficult and embarrassing situations of my life. After a couple of months, Jose and I moved into a house. But soon after, my mother moved in with us. She had been physically and emotionally abused by her second husband and we feared for her life. Jose and I thought the extra person in our home would be a temporary situation. Instead, it marked the beginning of years of extended family living with us. There were many frustrations that came with a crowded house—frustrations that neither Jose nor I verbalized. We were both nonconfrontational. We had each learned as children to be quiet to keep the peace. But keeping the peace was destroying our marriage. Not what I signed up for Jose and I look at life very differently. I am artistic by nature and would rather be gardening or decorating the house instead of cooking or cleaning. Jose, on the other hand, is more structured. He likes dinner served at a certain time. By year two of our marriage Jose and I rarely communicated about anything that really mattered. We existed in the same house; we lived in different worlds. I know that I am supposed to be obedient, Lord, but this marriage is not what I signed up for. A biblical foundation for our marriage I began praying and praying. I begged God to give Jose and me something that we could apply to our marriage. I knew that God had heard my prayers. Neither Jose nor I knew what to expect at our first Weekend to Remember, but we went with open hearts and open minds. We each realized that our marriage was in serious trouble. We were determined to put into practice whatever the speakers would tell us. The conference gave us a biblical foundation for our marriage. We discovered how to communicate disappointments with love and respect how to share our frustrations instead of bottling them up inside. Through it we learned many practical ways to prevent isolation in our marriage. In the past, if Jose or I saw something that needed to be done i. That changed after attending the Weekend to Remember and going through a HomeBuilders study. We now talk with one another before jumping in and grudgingly taking action. We would again begin to apply the principles they contained. Despite the progress in our marriage, we had setbacks. We got drawn into some family problems and neglected our own relationship. By year seven, Jose and I once again needed help. We went back to what had saved our marriage: God impressed on our hearts that we had to confess any hidden sin. Jose confessed a struggle with pornography—one he had even before we married. Although I felt betrayed, I made the difficult choice to obey God and continue the marriage. And God began to heal our relationship. Volunteering After much prayer, we decided to move to Memphis, Tennessee, even though we had no jobs there, no family, no friends. Shortly after we arrived, we received an e-mail saying that FamilyLife needed some volunteer help promoting the Weekend to Remember there. Jose and I decided to help out. After all, we loved FamilyLife. We loved to be around people and couples. We had had a great experience at the conference and in a HomeBuilders group. We saw HomeBuilders as a conference follow-up. We knew how God had used it in our own marriage. The transformation that we have seen in ourselves and in other couples has been amazing. There were so many tears. One wife felt unworthy for her husband to wash her feet. When he did, he said that he had to take care of her as a gift from God.

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