

# MARRIAGE MAINTENANCE

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Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross and prayer

Someone read: 1 Cor 13: 4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Listen to the cd or read the script.

The song is 'Loved Sinners' by Fr Chris Skinner from the Album 'Holy Land'

Share from these reflection starters:

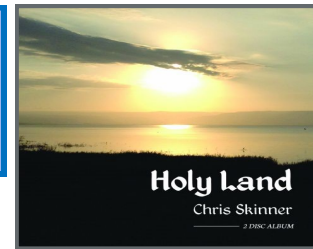
Share your thoughts on the Scripture.

Little 'I love you's' are like spending gold on each other. How could you make this a focus each week?

What is helpful for you about the idea of giving your marriage regular maintenance like a car?

How can sharing and working together on future hopes, dreams and plans help you as a couple?

If you are not married share how this reflection impacts you? Share any resources you find helpful in tough times or even after a relationship breakdown.



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**For your reflection this month**

The family is the basic unit of society and the Christian home is the 'domestic church.'

*"The Christian family can and should be called the 'domestic church'."*  
Pope John Paul II



**Concluding Prayer Time:**

for your own intentions and other needs.

Marriage Prayer...

God watch over our marriage,  
put your strongest angels around us.  
Little eyes are watching,  
if we fall, they may fall.  
Big eyes are watching,  
if we fall, they may fall too.  
We are not just a couple, we  
are the church, we are a family,  
we are an extension of You.  
Help us to be strong in times of  
weakness and patient in times of  
hardship. Continue to grow our love  
for each other as we draw closer to You.  
In Jesus Name, Amen

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