**Introduction:** Your marriage *can* change for the better

**Review:** The Picture, The Problem, The Process

![Diagram](image)

Genesis 2:24
Four keys to intimacy: The Game-plan

1. The fuel of ____________________ - “A lifelong choice of unconditional love.”
   - The Mandate: Matthew 19:3-8
   - The Rationale:
   - The How:
   - Our Model: Hebrews 13:5b

2. The oil of _____________________ - “A lifelong skill of learning to understand each other.”
   - The Mandate: Ephesians 4:15-16
   - The Rationale:
   - The How:
   - Our Model: Jeremiah 33:3
3. The tune-up of ________________ - “An adventure of lifelong friendship, fun, and mutual fulfillment.”

- The Mandate: Genesis 2:18
- The Rationale:
- The How:
- Our Model: Matthew 11:28

4. The navigational system of ________________ - “A shared vision to impact the lives of others for Christ.”

- The Mandate: Matthew 28:19-20
- The Rationale:
- The How:
- Our Model: Matthew 4:19
Developing a personal game-plan for intimacy:

1. Tell your partner what kind of words and actions let you know that he/she is committed to you (i.e. pray together, set goals, lead financially, lead domestically, express affection, etc.) How will each of you seek to demonstrate your commitment to one another on a weekly basis?

2. When and what will you put into your daily/weekly schedule to facilitate ongoing communication in your marriage? Set actual times and days.

3. Plan a weekly activity to have fun and develop the friendship side of your marriage. Identify the activity, jot down at least two specific things to do together.

4. Identify three to four possible ways you and your mate (and even family) could demonstrate care and concern for others in the name of Christ. Set a time to discuss how to put your service ideas into action.

5. Who or what provides support and refreshment for you personally? Talk about specific ways to arrange your home life so each partner has time and same-sex friendships that refresh, support and replenish.