

WEEK TWO: NEVER WOULD I EVER

DIGITAL DATE NIGHT WEEKLY CHALLENGE



GROUND RULES:

- Take a break from talking about the usual suspects—money, kids, in-laws. This is not a time to take care of checklists, this is time to build your relationship.
- As much as humanly possible, stay off of technology. Only text or take a call if it is an emergency. Everyone and everything will be okay.
- In many relationships, there is a talker and a non-talker. If you are married to a non-talker, when he/she talks tonight, they might not do it as well as you. So believe the best in them as they find the words.

SCRIPTURE:

“with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:2-3

PRAYER FOCUS: MARRIAGE UNITY

“Heavenly Father we come before you to thank you for all you have done and continue to do in our lives and marriage. We come before you today, God, asking for a stronger bond of unity in our marriage covenant.

Father please give us the ability to be a united front for you letting nothing come between us. Help us, Father to identify and work through anything that is not pleasing to you so we can continually reach higher levels of unity in our marriage – spiritually, physically, and mentally.

We are thankful and excited to see the work of your hand as we do our best to seek your face daily. We love you and thank you for all of these things. – Amen”

ACTIVITY & QUESTIONS: Grab a dessert or snack and together on separate pieces of paper list the following things you would never have experienced had it not been for your spouse.

List the ways your spouse has influenced your life in the following categories:

1. Television/Movies

2. Food/Drink

3. Hobbies/Activities

4. Experiences

5. Risks

6. Professional Growth

7. Character Traits

8. Spiritually

9. Socially

10. Other

VIDEO DISCUSSION:

Cue up the YouTube clip, “It’s Not about the Nail,” watch it together, and share if you’ve been in either spot. Talk about “what the nail might be” in your marriage.

This is the link: <https://youtu.be/nhCQRu5KZAg>

KEEP IT GOING:

Apply some of these other ideas throughout the week to keep your connection going.

- Think of your favorite movies growing up and take turns watching each other’s favorites.
- Pick some projects you’d like to complete and do them together as a couple.
- Make a playlist together of your favorite songs growing up.
- Schedule some fun times of intimacy together.
- Make a romantic playlist and slow dance together.

GOING DEEPER BONUS ACTIVITIES:

Want to go even deeper? Try these additional ideas to enhance your time together.

PLAY THE CARD GAMES YOU LOVED AS KIDS - “Break out a deck of cards and teach each other games you learned as a kid. Remember Old Maid, Go Fish, Spit and War? These fun games and can spark conversations and memories from your families of origin.”

HAVE A “LIST PARTY” - Create some top five or ten lists to get to know each other more. Each of you can take turns giving them in reverse order, so you both end at number one! You could do “top ten movies you could watch over and over” or “top five people you’d want on hand if stranded on a deserted island.”

SCRAPBOOKING DATE - If you both enjoy creating memories for family and friends, you could both work together on a family scrapbook to memorialize your relationship milestones.

