

How Insulated is Your Marriage – May 2024

LWCC Marriage Ministries Email For May 2024

Hi there, and welcome to this May edition of our Marriage Email.

I want to start by asking you a question: have you ever lived in a cold home before? Who knows, you might even be living in one right now!!! We've lived in a cold and damp home and we've lived in a well-insulated home, and I'm sure you can all imagine, the difference is remarkable. What prompted this was that the cold days we've been getting with the change of season, has had Ronnie and I doing a bit of a check-list to see if there's any ways we could warm up our home. Which set me to thinking that, with the people who keep coming to us for marriage advice and help, they cause us to be equally interested in finding ways to warm up and keep our marriage warm. We've certainly learned the hard way, that if there's one thing that's worse than living in a poorly insulated home in cold weather, it's living in a marriage that isn't quite well insulated and warm either.

Remember the passion and warmth you experienced towards your spouse when you first got together? How would you rate the 'warmth' of your marriage right now? Is it white hot, or has the winter chills found their way into the un-insulated 'windows' of your home? Much like designing or improving a house to retain heat, your marriage can be designed for warmth all year around. The mission of our Marriage Ministries Team here at LWCC, is all about helping you do just that - create a great marriage where the temperature in your home is one of warmth, connection, grace, joy, and appreciation towards one another all year round.

We refer to this process as "**growing together**" and we are all on this journey of growing in our marriage. If left to the natural ebb and flow of life, marriages naturally drift towards isolation, but with vision, purpose and intentionality you can experience oneness in marriage the way God designed it - a 'warm house' all year round, regardless of the outside temperature. If we stop growing together, it won't be long before the chills of winter find their way into our relationship.

So, my question to you today is this: Are you ready for this winter season? Will your marriage retain its heat when this year's cold spell threatens its way through the cracks in your insulation? The idea behind sending you these regular emails is to support you in that "**Growing**" process with material that will provide the opportunity for you to regularly sit down together and intentionally sow into your relationship, and keep it warm!!!

This month we're doing something a little different. Attached is a link to a really great message from Vlad and Lana Savchuk with a title that will really get your attention: "Marriage is like a garden, where you have to plant seeds, pull out weeds and kill snakes". Can we encourage you to set some time aside, have a look at the video, and see what you might find out about seeds, weeds and snakes, and what such things might have to do with Marriage!!!

Here's the link: https://youtu.be/9vzWF9F5w_c

Have a great time ahead with this month's contribution, and may you be encouraged to never stop investing in your marriage to make sure you're growing together and the temperature in your home is white hot🔥, rather than frosty cold🥶.

Blessings from The Team: Stan & Ronnie, John and Karen

