

COUPLES RETREAT

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A Message from the Directors



By Faith

"I (Groom | Bride), take you, to be my wife | husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, I promise to love and Christ you until death do us part."

In today's society, with efforts to redefine the traditional family values and roles, I'm not at all surprised if these wedding vows seem outdated. As children of God we must be careful to embrace God's plan for marriage and family. God was careful to remind a new generation of Israelites who were far removed from the generation of Moses and Joshua to observe all God's commandments and in doing so they would experience great success from God. Joshua 1:7 says, "Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

Now, to be perfectly clear, is there any marriage that doesn't experience up and downs, good times and difficult ones? No. But, equally true is that marriage also contains great joy, accomplishments and triumphs. So, if you're experiencing difficulties and feel like giving up on your marriage please don't! Seek Godly counsel and help from your Pastor or a Christian counselor in your community. Also, there's innumerable free resources on a range of topics relating to marital issues from trust, intimacy, parenting, finances, infidelity, etc... from trusted Christian ministries like Focus On The Family just to get you started. We're praying for you and asking God for His guidance as we look to coordinate future events for Year 2022.

God bless you,
Tom and Rita Horton

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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

A Testimonial from the Last Retreat

We were super excited the minute we found out news at our state convention about the couples retreat that was going to take place in Morro Bay California. We took down all the information we needed about the retreat and could not wait for that day to come. We reserved our spot as soon as we were able to, since we did not want to miss such an event. We were already making plans as the information was being provided.

All worries aside we arrived to this beautiful hotel right by the water front and already we knew it was going to be special. Each session brought a very important topic to consider about our marriage and helped us realize that events like this are really important so that the structure of our marriage continues to be



founded on our Lord Jesus so that we as parents can teach our Nenes and be an example to them for their future. We were delighted to have seen many couples that attended and we were blessed to have made new

friends. There were many different couples, some had over 20 years of marriage, some had more and of course there were also the newlyweds.

All in all, this was a very beautiful event and we look forward for the next couple's retreat to take place. We are very thankful to our Couple's State Directors, Brother Tom and Sister Rita Horton, for having done such an amazing job putting this event together and for the opportunity to share our testimony with you all.

May God bless all of you.
Sylvia & David Hernandez