

# Traveling the Road of Marriage

***Enjoying the Ride:*** - In many ways marriage is similar to a journey. The quest to enjoy the ride can bring its own unique set of challenges. Various elements tend to impede progress. Valleys and hills are often encountered. The vehicle needs constant refueling. Yet, many couples are making the trip with great enjoyment. Their journey has taken them down many different highways, but overall their trip was filled with fun and wonderful experiences. This session will reveal some of those success stories and explore how God guided those couples down the road to happiness.

***The Rules of the Road:*** Marriage is like traveling in a vehicle down the road of life, but that journey can bring its own unique set of challenges and issues. To reach our destination safely and to enjoy the ride along the way, we have to know the rules of the road. This session will consider the practical and helpful rules found in Colossians 3 for traveling down the road of marital happiness.

## **Break-out Session for Men and Women**

***Roadblocks and Detours*** - Progress toward a destination can be impeded by accidents, landslides, floodwaters, and work crews. These roadblocks and detours are frustrating and often dangerous. In this session some of the roadblocks which impede progress toward marital happiness will be explored, with special emphasis given to the peculiar issues relating to husbands and wives.

## **Marriage Devotional**

***Road Rage: Managing the Conflicts*** – Conflict and the anger that often accompanies it, is a fact of life. Like road rage, anger and resentment are dangerous to your marital safety. How couples communicate and manage their disagreements is critical to marital health. In this session couples will be given practical advice for dealing with anger and how to properly communicate and resolve conflict.

## **Break-out Session**

### ***Knowing your Passenger***

Women: What husbands wish their wives knew about men

Men: What wives wish their husbands knew about women

***Knowing your Passenger II – Sexual Intimacy in Marriage*** In the marriage relationship, one of God's greatest gifts is the emotional and physical intimacy to be shared between a husband and wife. Many couples often miss out on the joy and spiritual connection that can exist because they fail to follow the road map designed by God. Consequently, many couples never see the beautiful vistas and pleasant creation of the sexual relationship. This session will focus on some practical advice and general principles for helping couples fulfill God's plan for marriage.

***Repairing the Engine.*** When a vehicle breaks down and doesn't function properly it creates a lot of frustration and worry. Dysfunctional marriages and families result in similar disturbances. What can we do to address and repair the dysfunction occurring within our own homes or in the homes of our friends and neighbors? How can the book of 1 Corinthians be utilized in offering a remedy?

***Fuel in the Tank:*** While a vehicle may look and smell new, if doesn't have enough fuel in the tank it won't make it to the end of a long journey. Making sure you have the *right* fuel in the tank, and plenty of it, is absolutely critical for reaching your destination. In this session, examine the biblical precepts regarding love as the fuel needed and how to obtain it, as you journey down the road to happiness.