

Engagement: Preparing for Marriage

31-Day Devotionals for Life

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Marriage has been created by God to demonstrate his love and character. In light of this, couples preparing for their wedding should begin to reflect on the ways that God's gospel love will be displayed in their marriage. Many couples enter into marriage with a largely "horizontal" focus, but in reality much of their relationship will depend on the "vertical" dimension. The devotional would aim to help the reader prepare his or her heart for the wonderful (and often sanctifying) calling to love another person in a way that manifests God's love for his people.

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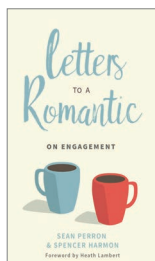
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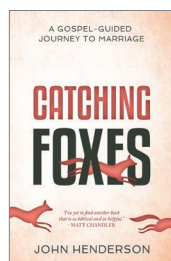
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