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Series: Reignite
Part 1: Raising the Value of Your Marriage
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1. Hebrews 13:4 says “marriage should be honored by all.” What good things do marriages accomplish?
2. How do people, even Christian people, lower the value of marriage?
3. The following scripture led into Ted’s discussion of “beginnings.” “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning” (Matthew 19:8). He gave school years and new restaurants as examples of things that often begin better than they end.
 - What beginnings were exciting for you?
 - Have you ever ended something as enthusiastically as you began?
4. What is the symbolism of woman being created from a man’s rib rather than some other way? (“**To be beside him,**” “**under his arm to be protected by him,**” “**near to his heart to be loved by him.**” (Matthew Henry)
5. “This is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh” (Genesis 2:18-24).
 - Did your parents support your marriage by allowing you to leave them to cleave to your spouse?
 - In what ways were they helpful?
 - Did they advocate for both of you?
6. “So they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate” (Matthew 19:6).
 - Is your spouse your priority relationship?
 - How are marriages hurt when one’s mate is not the most important relationship?
7. Besides your job, what do you give the most attention to?
8. Ted discussed “callback stories,” things we remember from our years of marriage. He mentioned his bat story.
 - What are other “callback” stories he mentioned?
 - Tell one of your “callback” stories.
9. What are the three things Ted mentioned that are needed for change? (Knowledge, Skill, and Willpower.)
 - What is the one of the three we can’t give another?
 - What one thing would you like to change today and which of the three do you need most?
10. What “voices” have influenced you for good or bad?
11. Do you have a song?
 - Besides that one, what song would you have on your marriage play list and why?
 - Did Ted’s number one song, “She’s the Rock I Lean On (and I ain’t gonna throw her away)” resonate with you?