

# How to Keep Your Marriage Growing

## Memorial day movie clip



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- A faded background image of a man and a woman sitting on wooden chairs on a deck, looking out over a body of water and trees. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a backdrop for the text.

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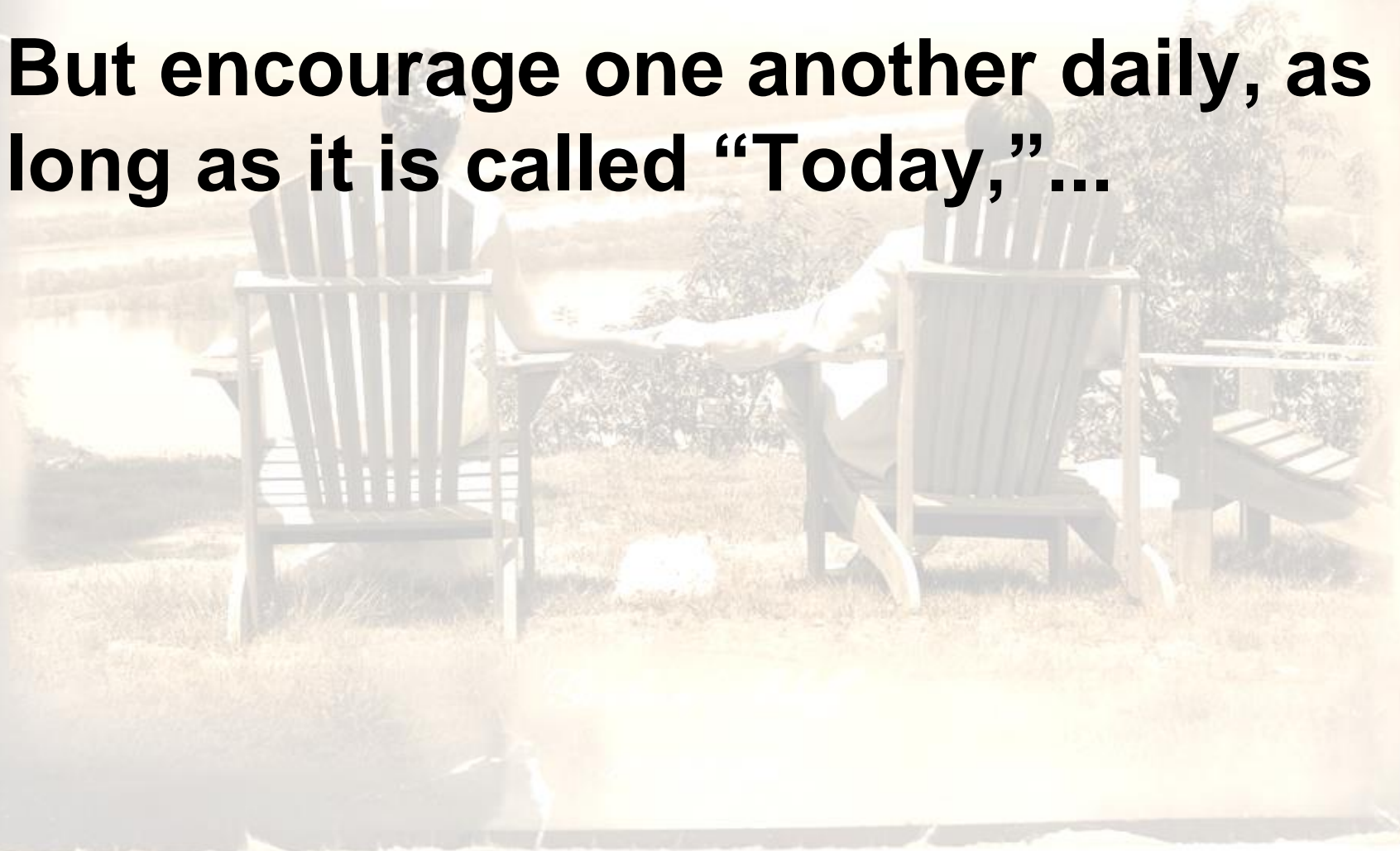
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**Hebrews 3:13a (NIV)**

**But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” ...**





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**Proverbs 12:25**

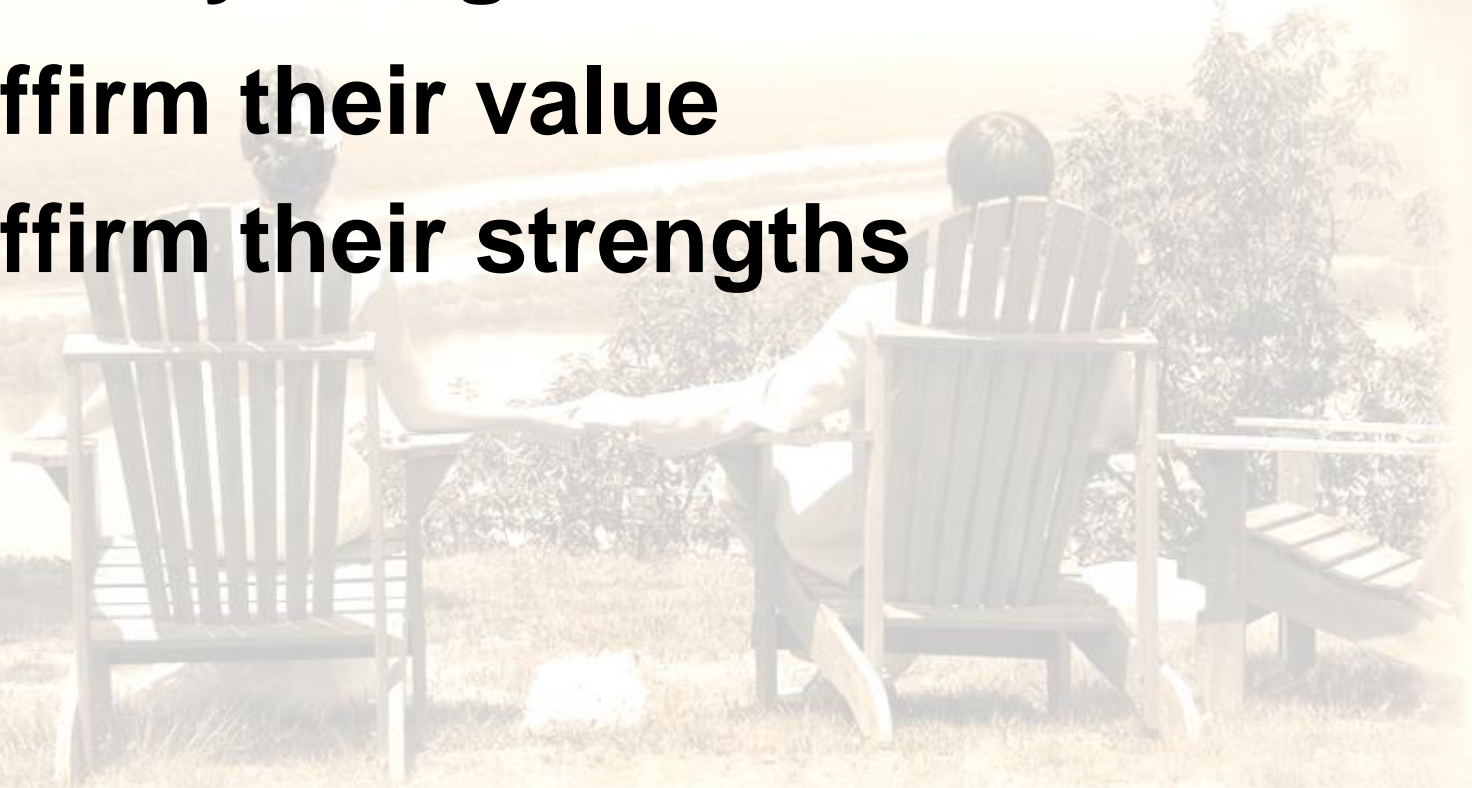
**A word of encouragement does wonders!**



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## Three ways to give affirmation

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- **Affirm their strengths**



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**2 Corinthians 7:4(GW)**

**I have great confidence in you, and I have a lot of reasons to be proud of you.**



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## Three ways to give affirmation

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- **Affirm their strengths**
- **Affirm their ministry**

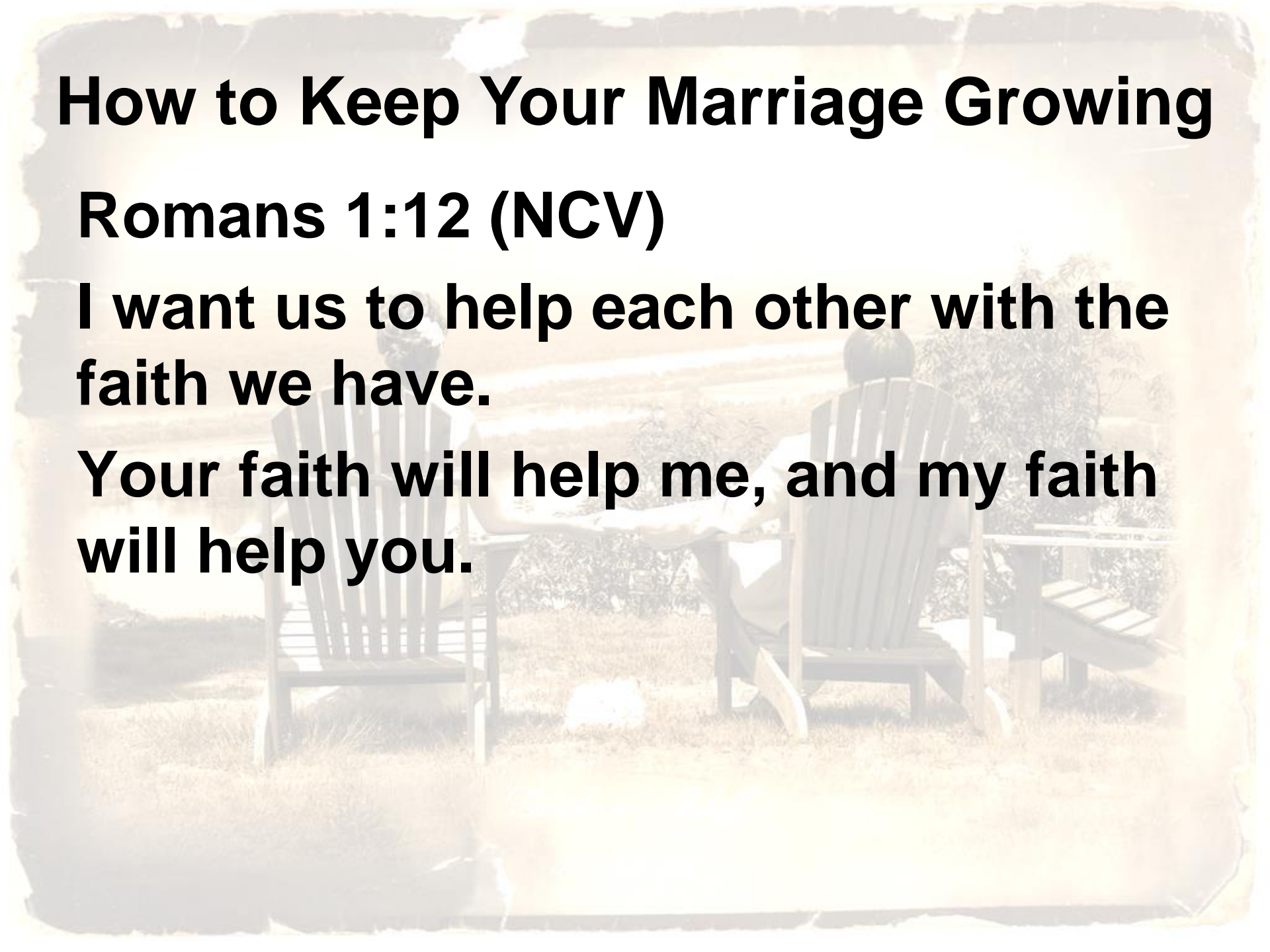


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**Romans 1:12 (NCV)**

**I want us to help each other with the faith we have.**

**Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.**



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- 5. Keep on Following Jesus**

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## **Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)**

**6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.**

**7 Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him.**



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# How to Keep Your Marriage Growing

A faded, artistic photograph of a man and a woman sitting on wooden Adirondack chairs on a porch. They are facing away from the camera, looking out over a large body of water, likely a lake or a wide river. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The background shows a line of trees and a distant shoreline. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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## **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**

**24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

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## **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)**

**Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.**

**A cord of three strands is not  
quickly broken**



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A photograph of a man and a woman sitting on wooden chairs on a porch, looking out over a large body of water towards a sunset. The scene is peaceful and romantic, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and the couple. The image has a slightly faded, artistic quality.

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**James 5:16 (Msg)**

**“Make this your common practice:  
Confess your sins to each other and  
pray for each other so that you can  
live together whole and healed.”**

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A couple is sitting on a wooden porch, viewed from behind. They are looking out over a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, towards a sunset. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the water reflects the colors. There are some trees and bushes in the foreground and middle ground. The overall mood is peaceful and romantic.

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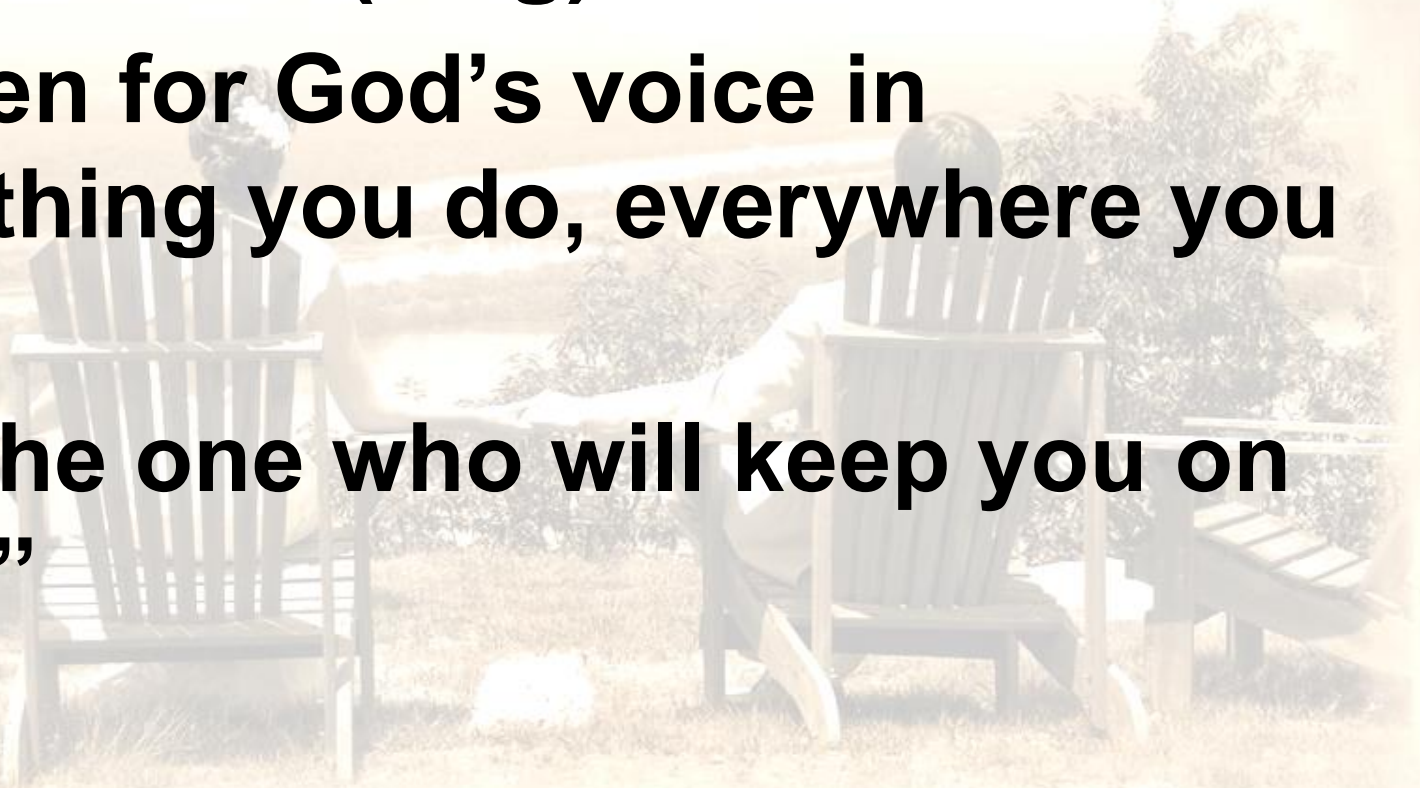
## 4. Follow God's word



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## **Proverbs 3:6 (Msg)**

**“Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;  
He’s the one who will keep you on track.”**



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**Making it practical:**

**1-----10**

**On a scale of 1 to 10 how are you at giving affirmation?**

**What one thing could you begin doing today to show your partner that you value them, that they are important?**

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**Making it practical:**

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**On a scale of 1 to 10 how well are you following Jesus?**

**What one thing could you begin doing today to get your spiritual life on track?**