

A Harvard University study referenced <u>3 simple things</u> that virtually divorce proof marriages:

- 1. Attend **church together** weekly
- 2. Read a **Bible verse** a day
- 3. **Pray** together daily

If you're married and these three steps aren't currently part of your daily - weekly practice is there one step that seems particularly important to you to begin doing right away? Does any step seem more challenging for you to do as a couple? How can your group or a mentor help you take these steps?

NOTE: If your spouse currently isn't in a place (of faith) and cannot or will not participate in these steps with you, please know you can call on the Holy Spirit to stand in the gap and be with you as you pray for her-him, as you read the Bible and even as you attend church. Keep believing and never stop praying for them.

Please be respectful and honoring of one another and your families as you respond to the next two points. Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

God is with us in our relationships.

What has it looked like in your marriage to' not be quickly broken' because God is with you, He has been in the middle?

Put words or examples around Pastor Joe's teaching point: We are not alone. <u>God</u> is with us.

How do you know God is with you - in your marriage? How has His presence changed or impacted your family? When did you doubt He was present? Is there a time or circumstance you know you 'really need Him' tot be present?

How do you express appreciation to God for His presence in your marriage and for your spouse? Who needs to hear about the 3 simple things that divorce proof a marriage? When are you going to share this with them?