Nothing
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Scripture: Ephesians 5:2
Tension: What do I do with my expectations? How do I get focused on my spouse’s desires instead of my expectations?

[Visual: Hopes/Dreams/Desires box and Expectations box. Labeled on one side.]

Introduction
Women: Finally a marriage and relationship series.
Men: I was just startin’ to like this guy.

1. Ladies: Men think of marriage the way you think about a car. We don’t want to work on it. We just want it to work.
2. Women don’t want to maintain their cars; they just want them to work with little or no effort. You just want to get in and drive.
3. Ladies: When you say... “Let’s talk about our relationship,” we hear: “There’s something wrong with me you think you can fix.”
   When we were kids, our dad’s got our dogs fixed. We don’t want to be fixed.
4. Ladies: When you say, “Let’s talk... relationship,” it’s like when driving, he says, “Honey, do you hear that rattle?”
5. You’re thinking. Yeah, so what? Turn up the radio.
6. We’re climbing around in the backseat trying to fix it.
7. You are thinking, Good grief!
8. You look outside and he has the hood up. “Is something’s wrong?”
   Him: “No,” I’m just looking. Just checking.”
9. You say: “As long as it’s not broken down on the side of the road, do we really need to check it?”
10. To which we respond, “Aha!”
11. That’s my point about marriage: “As long as it’s not broken down on the side of the road, do we really need to talk about it?”

Yes. Four weeks. Today... Introduction. Scripture-light.
Married: Wish I had heard this earlier.
Single: You’ll be glad you heard it now.

I. Hopes/Dreams/Desires vs. Expectations