

WHAT HAPPY COUPLES KNOW

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