

# Marriage on the Rock

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## Pursuit

### Foundational Laws of Marriage: Pursuit

#### Biblical Foundation: Released to Pursue

Heb 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, NIV



- Your relationship grows in good soil.
  - Fellowship with other healthy couples
  - Prayer for each other and with each other (see brochure)
  - Agreeing at the base that the bible is the foundation you build on.
- Throw off to pursue:
  - What weighs you down?
    - Old tapes from previous relationships
    - Old tapes from your relationship > good/bad
    - Unhealed Hurts
    - Unforgiveness, Unrepented Offenses
    - Failure
    - Rejection
    - Distrust
    - Unfulfilled dreams, plans, promises
    - Unmet needs, Undignified Communication
- Perseverance= Pursuit > Abiding under/supporting
  - Patiently putting your shoulder under to lift up and support the vision/marriage/etc
  - Location> on the bottom> holding up the bigger thing...the healing/finances/restoration



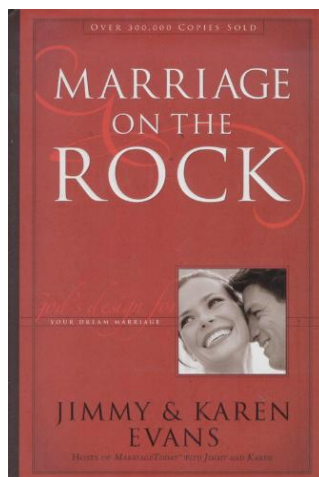
## **Biblical Foundation: Built to Pursue**

Matt 7:24-27

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." NIV

- Key: What are you feeding your pursuit with?
  - Your ideas? Feelings? Dreams? Ideals? "Hollywood Drama?"
  - Or: Biblical truth, God's promises, Wisdom from Godly mentors?
- Do you have a clear vision of what you are pursuing in your marriage?
  - Financial security?
  - Healthy life style
  - Communication?
  - Love and Respect?
  - Deeper spiritual growth?
  - Time together
  - How to serve each other intentionally.
- Things get in the way.
  - Do you let them? Blame others? Resort to anger/depression/isolation?
- What is wrong with the sand?
  - Easy, with a short term goal> get it up fast
  - Shallow pursuit> no long term goal for the next storm
    - Ask yourselves the question: Is the resolve deep enough to build even more? Or are we just getting by?
    - We need to be ready for the deep digging, not just surface
      - Ancient Paths
      - Married for Life
      - Couples Class
      - Retreats> couple's/ men's/ women's
      - Serving together

DVD 16 min



## **MARRIAGE ON THE ROCK**

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Based on Couples Class Video/Teaching**

### **TUESDAY NIGHTS**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> thru December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 to 9:00 pm**

**Discussion/Application/Fellowship**

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