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INTRODUCTION

Passion matters and happiness is great, but rather than being the purpose for marriage, they are benefits. Marriage exists to glorify God by expanding His rule and reach. It uniquely reflects His image like nothing else. When you pursue God's purpose as a couple, then everything else you value in life—such as happiness, love, and satisfaction—will fall into place.

—Tony Evans, *Kingdom Marriage*

AS A KINGDOM COUPLE you are called to view marriage through God's lens. Tony Evans writes that kingdom husbands and wives share a powerful purpose: "to function in unison under divine authority in order to replicate God's image and expand His rule in the world through both their individual and joint callings."

What a privilege and a challenge.

Based on the truths found in Tony Evans's powerful book *Kingdom Marriage*, this devotional will give you strength and encouragement to apply your faith throughout the ups and downs of life together.

Take a daily journey together along the path of biblical marriage. The inspiration provided in each of these ninety devotions will equip you to more fully grow together to live for God's kingdom.

KINGDOM COUPLES HONOR EACH OTHER

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

—Romans 12:10, ESV

YEARS AGO IN KOREA, the sight of a young man riding a white pony while carrying a goose meant only one thing. He was heading to his bride's house to present the goose to her mother. The goose was symbolic of his pledge of faithfulness, since wild geese mate for life. With it, the hopeful groom honored his potential future family and his beloved.

Grand gestures have been part and parcel of great love stories throughout history. Not one, though, is quite like that of young Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Ascending the throne at the tender age of eighteen, Victoria married her prince, and together they had nine children and enormous influence on the British Empire and the world.

Most impressive about the strength and love of this marriage is what followed Albert's untimely death, when the queen showed him the greatest honor any wife could give. Many thought her grief was excessive, but Victoria's love for Albert demanded nothing less. Still young when

widowed, she chose to remain in mourning for the loss of the love of her life. For four decades, Queen Victoria clothed herself daily in black, staying true to the memory of her marriage. There is no greater testament to a spouse's love than what this queen unwaveringly gave to her prince.

As followers of the One True King over all, we should seek to honor each other no less, to love each other no less, and to expand God's dominion and rule no less through all that we do in our marriage.

APPLICATION

1. How do you honor your spouse?
2. What is one way you'd like your spouse to show love to you?
3. How might your marriage be a reflection of God's love?

PRAYER

Father, we thank You for the blessing of our marriage. Teach us to honor each other in deeper ways. Amen.