

# BEING MY SPOUSE'S NEIGHBOR

a reflection exercise

*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **'Love your neighbor as yourself'**." Galatians 5:13-14*

**When is the last time you celebrated and served your closest "neighbor" - your spouse?**

This tool will help guide you in reflecting on the unique qualities and characteristics of your spouse, providing space to think through ways to "serve one another humbly in love."

IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE SIMILAR?

(passions, perspectives, hopes, dreams, personalities, etc.)

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE YOUR SPOUSE'S GIFTINGS? (LIST 3-5)

IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE DIFFERENT?  
(passions, perspectives, hopes, dreams, personalities, etc.)

HOW HAVE WE SEEN GOD WORK IN/THROUGH OUR SIMILARITIES?  
(in your marriage, family, community/friendships)

HOW HAVE WE SEEN GOD WORK IN/THROUGH OUR DIFFERENCES?  
(in your marriage, family, community/friendships)

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WHAT ARE THREE TANGIBLE WAYS YOU CAN CELEBRATE  
YOUR SPOUSE'S UNIQUE GIFTINGS?

ARE THERE ANY WAYS YOU CAN SPECIFICALLY SERVE YOUR SPOUSE  
TODAY, THIS WEEK, THIS MONTH?

WRITE A PRAYER FOR YOUR SPOUSE.  
INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU SEE HOW GOD IS WORKING IN  
THE LIFE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND ASK HIM TO SHOW YOU HOW YOU  
CAN JOIN WITH HIM IN HIS WORK