

²⁴ Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And then rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:24-27



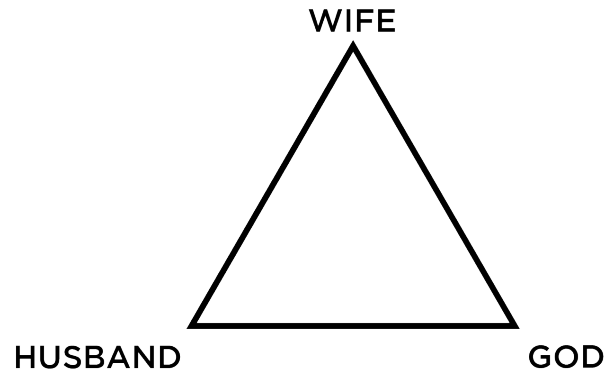
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THE MARRIAGE TRIANGLE

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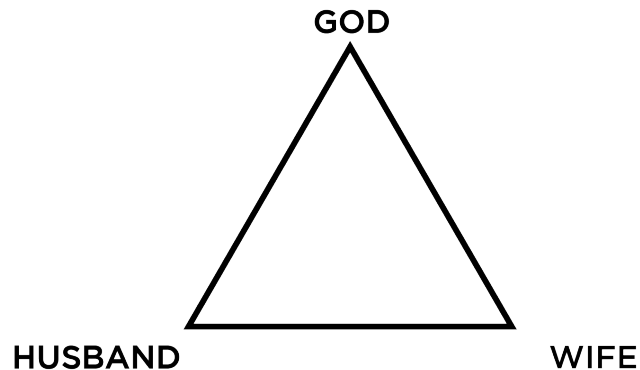
Who is at the top of your marriage?

Too often we place ourselves at the top. Or we place our spouse at the top. Sometimes we place our kids or our career at the top.



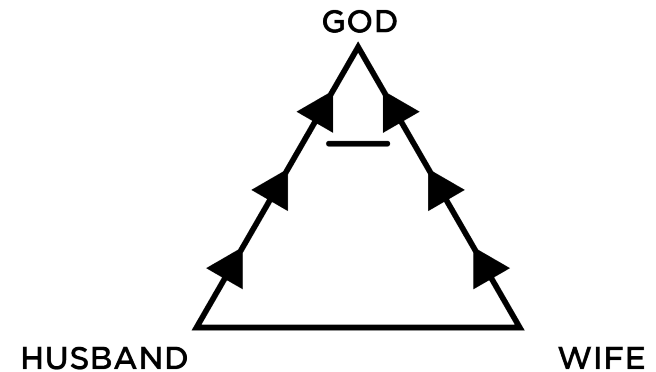
Pastor Ron says, “a good thing becomes a bad thing when it crowds out the best thing.” Idolatry is when we place someone or something ahead of God.

Who or what is at the top of your marriage triangle?
This next triangle shows God at the top of the marriage - with the husband and wife at the bottom corners of the triangle.



When a couple commits to prioritizing worship, reading the Bible, praying with each other, and engaging in biblical community, the couple grows spiritually - individually and as a couple.

In doing so, they not only grow closer to God, they grow closer to each other.



When a husband and wife move vertically up the sides of the triangle, they also grow closer to one another and distance between them gets smaller. The more each grows in the Lord, the closer the marriage becomes.

In what ways can you prioritize spiritual growth individually and as a couple?

To learn more about the marriage triangle and 7 choices that keep couples together, read *The Marriage Knot* by Ron and Jody Zappia.

