



## REASONS WHY MARRIAGE AND CONVERSATIONS ARE DIFFICULT:

1. There is a mundane nature to everyday life and conversation
2. Often involves doing and talking about things I don't like and am not good at
3. Feel like I don't have to be "on" once we are married
4. We are both changing people
5. Sharing space and resources can be difficult
6. Overly high expectations of marriage, spouse, and/or love
7. Viewing compatibility as a noun instead of a verb
8. Undefined or changing roles in marriage
9. Different expectations or desires for doing family
10. Self-centered focus
11. Low view of commitment
12. Trying to make marriage our church
13. Unwillingness to work for a good relationship
14. Past hurts
15. Having a real enemy who wants to destroy your marriage

## CONVERSATION STARTERS:

1. If you could change 3 things about me to make me more Christ-like, what would they be?
2. Do I have any other annoying mannerisms or irritating idiosyncrasies that you would like me to change?
3. On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate our marriage?
4. What would it take to make our marriage a ten?
5. What personal goals do you have for your life and how may I help you achieve them?
6. Do you have any needs or desires that you believe I ought to be meeting or fulfilling better than I do?