

# GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T *JUST* HAPPEN

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Webinar Series - Session Eight

## FAMILY MATTERS

“ *People come either having experienced too much attention or too little attention. Each person comes with their relational dowry to their relationships.* ”  
-Ester Perl

### CONVERSATION

What quirky family traditions or habits did you bring into your marriage much to your partner's surprise?

# One Family's Story

## Family Differences

### **CONVERSATION**

How have differences in the families you each come from contributed to conflict?

## Family Deficits

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*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.*

- Romans 12:2

### Two rules for reflecting on our family

1. Honour your father and mother

2. Speak the truth in love

## Three steps to renewing our family story

1. Reflect honestly on the influence your family of origin is having on your marriage.

### CONVERSATION

- What has your family given you that helps you persevere, succeed, be content, be healthy?
- What has your family given you that causes you to “limp” even to this day?

2. Come to peace with your own family.

- Give thanks
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Give forgiveness

3. Make a choice to write a new story.

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