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# Foreword

*The message you are about to read, *Nurture Your Marriage*, is a timely reminder of God's original design for marriage as a covenant of love, responsibility, and continuous growth.*

*In a world where many homes are struggling under the weight of neglect, misunderstanding, and misplaced priorities, this teaching calls us back to the foundation—intentional care. Marriage, as revealed in this sermon, is not a static achievement but a living relationship that must be nourished daily with love, honour, patience, and spiritual wisdom.*

*Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo brings a deeply practical yet spiritually grounded perspective to the realities of marital life. With clarity and conviction, she shows that what sustains marriage is not mere emotion, but deliberate investment—through communication, service, prayer, and mutual respect.*

*This ebook will challenge couples to re-examine their priorities, rebuild emotional connection, and consciously guard the unity of their home. It also serves as a guide for singles preparing for marriage, offering timeless principles that lay a solid foundation for the future.*

*As you read, may every principle become light to your understanding and strength to your home. May your marriage be renewed, strengthened, and established in peace, joy, and enduring love according to God's design.*

**— Wisdom Epsi**  
**Chief Editor, *LivingSermons.com***

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# ***Main Message***

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## INTRODUCTION

Our topic today is captioned *Nurture Your Marriage*. In Ephesians 5:29, the Scripture says:

“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.”

Marriage is a unique relationship ordained by God for a man and a woman to give and receive satisfaction of their healthy needs and desires. It is an intimate relationship designed by God to last a lifetime.

However, it is important to understand that getting married is not an end in itself. It can be likened to the birth of a new baby—a new life, a new experience, a new journey, a new adventure.

## **MARRIAGE: A LIFE THAT MUST BE NURTURED**

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When a new baby is born, you don't just leave that baby unattended. The baby becomes a responsibility that must be nurtured, catered for, and cared for before it can grow into an adult.

In the same way, marriage requires constant nurture, care, and attention in order to grow, flourish, blossom, and succeed. Whatever is not nurtured becomes malnourished and eventually dies.

Marriage needs care from both husband and wife for it to succeed. It is a mutual responsibility.

As my husband, Bishop David Oyedepo, often says:

“Responsibility is the price for greatness.”

If you want a great marriage, you must be ready to accept responsibility.

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO NURTURE**

To nurture means to nourish. According to Ephesians 5:29, it means to promote the growth of something, to further its development, to sustain it with nutrients.

To nourish means to take care of, to feed, to protect. Whatever you nurture, of course, will grow and flourish.

## **WHY YOU MUST NURTURE YOUR MARRIAGE**

Your children will grow up and go off. This truth becomes very real when you see them leave home for college—it dawns on you that they are grown and independent.

The same thing will happen to all your children. Therefore, if you do not build a strong relationship with your spouse, when the children leave, there will be nothing left to hold the marriage together.

You and your spouse must intentionally nurture your relationship. That is what sustains the bond over the years.

## **DON'T TAKE YOUR SPOUSE FOR GRANTED**

One major destroyer of great marriages is taking each other for granted.

It is very easy as a couple to become too familiar and forget to value one another. You become so used to your spouse performing their role that it begins to feel like a duty rather than love.

In courtship, couples make all the right moves—appreciation, gifts, kind gestures, and affectionate words. But after marriage, these often become scarce.

Words like *thank you*, *sorry*, *I love you*, *well done*, and expressions of admiration must never disappear.

# WHAT IT MEANS TO TAKE YOUR SPOUSE FOR GRANTED

To take your spouse for granted means:

- To take advantage of them
- To show no appreciation
- To undervalue them
- To ignore their feelings
- To assume they will always be available
- To give little attention to their needs

Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt. Many marriages suffer because spouses unconsciously stop honouring each other.

Every good relationship is intentional. You must consciously and continuously regard, prefer, esteem, and honour your spouse.

# THE EFFECTS OF TAKING YOUR SPOUSE FOR GRANTED

## 1. **It opens the door to cracks in the marriage**

Small cracks can introduce harmful elements into the relationship.

## 2. **It causes emotional distance**

Resentment grows, pushing spouses apart.

## 3. **It reduces trust**

When love is absent, trust begins to fade.

## 4. **It breeds insecurity**

When a spouse feels undervalued, insecurity sets in.

## **PRIORITIZE YOUR SPOUSE**

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Many people allow work, hobbies, friends, extended family, and even children to take priority over their marriage.

If people put as much effort into marriage as they do into divorce proceedings, more homes would be happy.

When you deliberately, after God, make your spouse your priority, you push the enemy out of your territory.

Your marriage must be continually nourished just as your relationship with God is sustained through prayer, the Word, and obedience.

Do not evaluate your spouse only by benefits received. Never treat love as a duty. Instead, stay connected and keep the fire of your union burning.

## **MAINTAIN LOVE THROUGH INTENTIONALITY**

Pay attention to your spouse's needs—spiritual, physical, and emotional.

Create new ways to express love and intimacy. Encourage, support, and strengthen each other.

Avoid assumption. As often said:

“Assumption is the mother of frustration.”

Perform small acts of kindness—these seemingly little things preserve love.

## **PRAYING AND WORKING TOGETHER**

Learn to pray for and with your spouse. Prayer is one of the greatest tools for nurturing marriage.

Do not let the sun go down on your anger. Resolve issues in love and in the fear of God.

Also, perform acts of service together. Working together strengthens unity and deepens the marital bond.

## **SERVING GOD TOGETHER**

Matthew 6:33 says:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Couples like Aquila and Priscilla served God together. Abraham and Sarah were united in their service to God.

Serving God together strengthens marriages and brings divine fulfilment.

Acts of service may include:

- Helping the less privileged
- Showing hospitality
- Giving to those in need
- Evangelism and soul winning

When you serve others together, your marriage is strengthened.

## **HELP EACH OTHER GROW**

Encourage each other's physical well-being, especially as you grow older. Do not criticise one another's changes; instead, support and uplift each other.

Mind your health, eat well, exercise, and dress appropriately. Take care of your body because it is the temple of God.

A strong marriage is intentional—it requires care, attention, and mutual encouragement in spirit, soul, and body.

## **CONCLUSION**

Remember, the grass is not greener on the other side—it is greener where it is watered.

Your marriage is like a baby that must be constantly nurtured to grow and flourish into what God has ordained it to be.

Marriage is a mutual responsibility.

Receive grace to play your part in Jesus' name.

## **CLOSING PRAYER & ALTAR CALL**

If your home is under tension, I pray that the peace of God will restore it now in Jesus' name. Every troubled marriage receives divine peace.

If you are single, receive grace to prepare rightly for marriage.

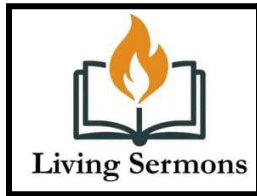
Finally, if you are not born again, give your heart to Jesus Christ. Say this prayer sincerely:

“Oh God, I am a sinner. Today I confess my sins. Jesus, save me. I am born again from this day forward, in Jesus' name. Amen.”

If you prayed that prayer, welcome into the family of God.

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**God is too faithful to fail.**



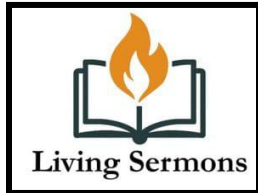
## About the Speaker

**Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo** is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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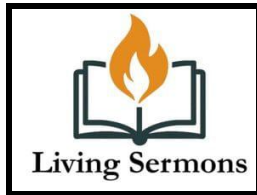
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