



MAKING MARRIAGE WORK — TOGETHER

with Nate and Liz Dewberry

► FOCUS VERSES

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
Colossians 3:13-14

► DISCUSSION

1. **Not every couple deals with obstacles as challenging as Nate and Liz maintaining a relationship on different continents, but all spouses and partners go through some rocky times at first.**
 - a. If you're in a relationship, what challenges did you face early on?
 - b. Do you feel like you overcame them, or are they still having repercussions that impact your relationship today?
2. **Nate reiterates the importance of listening to one's spouse instead of immediately trying to reassure them or solve the problem. (See *Proverbs 18:3*.)**
 - a. Is that something you feel you're good at, or could you do better?
 - b. What do you think that reveals about your personality?



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3. **“Nothing’s going to destroy your marriage faster than hiding something,” Nate says. “You feel the tension in your home.” (See *Proverbs 28:13.*)**
- a. Have you experienced this firsthand?
 - b. If you later revealed or confessed what you were hiding, how did that unburdening make you feel?
4. **Has your spouse ever done something relatively minor that hurt you, for which you withheld forgiveness for a few days? (See *Ephesians 4:32.*)**
- a. Why did you withhold forgiveness, and how did you feel when you finally offered it?
5. **How has your spouse changed over the course of your relationship, and would you say you’ve been accepting of those changes?**
6. **How have *you* changed over the course of your relationship, and how has it affected the way the two of you relate to one another?**
7. **Can you think of a time when a difficult problem or disagreement arose between you and your spouse, and the two of you resolved it constructively and compassionately? (See *Colossians 3:12.*)**
- a. What did you learn from that experience that you think would be worth sharing with other people in relationships?

