



MAKING A MILITARY MARRIAGE WORK – PART ONE

with Russ and Cindy Leaphart

▶ FOCUS VERSE

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2

▶ DISCUSSION

1. **Did your family live in one place for most of your childhood, or did you move around a lot?**
 - a. How did those frequent moves take a toll on you?
 - b. What did your parents do to try to ease the transitions?

2. **In any of those moves, did your family manage to find a church community where you felt like you belonged?**
 - a. If so, what do you remember about that community that gave you energy and reassurance?



3. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were so focused on work projects that it was cutting into your responsibilities as a husband and/or father?

a. Did your spouse ever give you the kind of “wake-up call” that Cindy gave Russ when they faced that situation?

b. Did you accept that criticism, or did you react to it somewhat defensively?

4. What are some ways in which you and your spouse are more flexible than you were when you first got married?

a. What are some things that used to bother you—about either your spouse or married life in general—that you’re now more laid-back about, or even find endearing?

5. What are the things you admire most about your spouse?

a. What do you think your spouse admires most about you?

6. Do you “live to work,” or “work to live”?

a. Do you see your career as a way to support the life purpose God has for you, or have you viewed your career as your life’s purpose?

b. Do you think your family would be surprised to hear your answer?

