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What Did You Expect? (Redesign): Redeeming The Realities Of Marriage



Synopsis

Somehow, somehow, every marriage becomes a struggle. Everyone's marriage morphs into something they didn't intend it to be. At some point you need something sturdier than romance. You need something deeper than shared interests and mutual attraction. You need changed expectations, you need radical commitments, and, most importantly, you need grace.

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“Noel and I listened to most of this book driving in the car! Wise words. Authentic experience. Provocative application. Turned a long trip into a fruitful two-person marriage seminar.” —John Piper, Founder, desiringGod.org; Chancellor, Bethlehem College & Seminary “When Paul Tripp teaches, preaches, or writes he does so through the lens of the gospel. In *What Did You Expect?*, Paul faithfully and brilliantly lets the gospel bear its weight on the messiness and beauty of marriage. I, personally, found the book to be helpful, and we use it extensively at The Village.” —Matt Chandler, lead pastor, The Village Church, Dallas, Texas; president, Acts 29 Church Planting Network; author, *The Mingling of Souls* and *The Explicit Gospel* “The reason *What Did You Expect?* is so powerful is not because Paul Tripp is a marriage expert with tips and tricks to fix your problems, it's because his teaching is drenched in the gospel and the Word of God. This honest book will help you see yourself and your spouse in a new light as it shows you who Jesus is and how to connect his redeeming grace to the daily realities of your marriage. Singles and engaged couples will benefit from it, too.” —Joshua Harris, Former Senior Pastor, Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland; author, *Dug Down Deep* “At once deeply theological and

practically relevant, this is one of the top books on marriage I have ever read. Paul Tripp allows readers to examine marriage through a biblical lens so that we understand how God can graciously heal our hurting homes. As a pastor, I will implore our people to read this book as soon as it is available.âChris Brauns, Pastor, The Red Brick Church, Stillman Valley, Illinois; author, *Unpacking Forgiveness, Bound Together, and When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search*âWhat Iâve come to expect from Paul Tripp is consistently deep, transparent, biblical, wise, practical, gospel-driven counsel. Rather than muddying the water with self-focused strategies designed to meet our ever-multiplying needs, Paul, as the seasoned soul-physician he is, correctly diagnoses our problems and provides the cureâhumble faith in Jesus Christ. I wasnât disappointed. You wonât be either.âElyse M. Fitzpatrick, counselor; speaker; author, *Found in Him*âPaul Tripp brings many years of counseling, growth as a husband, and deepening discovery of the liberating power of grace to this realistic and challenging guide to Godâs engagement in redeeming marriages that are threatened by complacency, misunderstanding, and selfishness. The Bibleâs message of the humbling and healing power of Christâs mercy and the powerful presence of his Spirit in our homes comes through loud and clear. The daily practicality of gospel doctrine is made crystal clear by Trippâs transparency about his personal missteps in becoming a Christ-reflecting husband and the many examples of couples who have discovered that they are sinners married to sinners. But that the third, divine Party in marriage gives hope and change when unrealistic expectations are shattered and when we confront our sin. But be warned: Trippâs diagnostic questions are downright uncomfortable. Even those with strong marriages by Godâs grace will find their deep tendencies toward self-coronation challenged!âDennis E. Johnson, Professor of Practical Theology, Westminster Seminary CaliforniaâPaul Tripp issues a challenge for couples to roll up their sleeves, get to work, and do what it takes to build a God-honoring relationship. He presents six commitments for couples to make, and contained within each is insightful, practical, and effective advice on how to construct a loving, growing, grace-soaked marriage.âMary A. Kassian, Professor of Womenâs Studies, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; author, *Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild*

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Excellent read! I would recommend this book to EVERYONE considering marriage...engagement....married...separated...and divorced. The lessons contained are realistic and helps couples understand that the romantic side of love is not enough to sustain even the most profound level of love for we are also have romanticize what love truly is. God is pleased when we please God. Following God's will in terms if how we treat one another is how we maintain peace in marriage. Godly grace exercised in marriage is the example of how we get through the marriage with grace.

By far the best marriage book ever!!!! But it is far more than a marriage book as it focuses on Christ the Author of marriage. I have grown in my walk with God and become to appreciate my wife much more.

All the questions and proposed commitments were immensely practical and convicting. I was reminded of the need to die to self " self-sufficiency and self-pursuits and live in dependence upon the Lord and for His glory" seeking to worship Him in all I do. Praise the Lord for Christ and His grace towards us, weak, self-absorbed sinners, who are being transformed more and more into His glorious image through our marriage relationships.

Didn't get a chance to read the whole book, but what I did see from thumbing through it, was easy to read, and good information. It was a gift to our oldest grandson and his fiancée, as an early wedding gift. I think I need to get one for myself and my husband, as a refresher on how to keep your marriage alive and thriving.

Terrific book, my husband (of 40 years) and I are doing it together. Tripp's insight on human behavior and his reminders of God's promises, faithfulness and His partnership with us in this covenant of marriage is so very helpful. We are spending time together discussing things that had " fallen through the cracks" over the years of raising children, jobs, education, and life!

Another excellent book from Paul David Tripp. I read this book at the same time that I began to read his newer book "Dangerous Calling." I was extremely impressed with that book, but this book on marriage is also outstanding. Tripp blows away the false expectations so many couples have when entering marriage. This is a book that deals with "in the trenches" marriage issues, matters of the

heart. This is not a book primarily about adultery or other marriage-busting problems. It is more about the slow erosion that happens when false expectations collide with idols of the heart. Tripp is so good at focusing on the realities of marriage that some readers could be overwhelmed by a sense of defeat when they consider their failures. Tripp seasons his words with grace and is careful to point to the gospel and the power of Christ to deliver us from ourselves, yet the book could still be read with a negative slant, just by the sheer number of negative examples he presents. This, however, is my only real critique of a book that will provide help to many couples who heed its central message that true love for your spouse and a strong marriage comes when husband and wife focus on God and away from self.

The best book yet that I have read dealing with the realistic expectations of marriage and how to turn to God for solutions. I will keep it around so I can read it more than once.

A detailed roadmap of where marriages go wrong and how to get back on track when you are at the point of giving up. I am now in a much better place to start the hard work required whereas a week ago I was ready to give up, and seriously thought suicide is the only way out. The book gets a bit long winded and repeat many things. But the underlying facts and approach is what matters and make the difference.

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