**“An Imperfect Spouse”**

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**Definition of Imperfect:**

1. That which is not perfect but faulty or incomplete.
2. That which is a work in progress.
3. That which has defects or weaknesses.

 Sadly, in most marriages spouses focus on each other weaknesses rather than their strengths. Whenever we fail to realize that our spouse is imperfect, it will create contentions, conflicts, clashes and other unnecessary battles. There are times when it’s appropriate to point out or call attention to your spouse’s inadequacies or short comings but we must do so with love and respect. It’s always wise to consider your own imperfections before you deal with your spouse’s imperfections*. (Matthew 7:4-5 “Or how can you say to your brother, Let me remove the speck from your eye; and look, a plank is in your own eye. Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”)*

 In a productive marriage, spouses don’t ignore their imperfections but we strive to improve and learn from our weaknesses. We must learn to embrace challenges that will inspire us to be better. Never be too quick to judge and too slow to praise!!!

*One of the most romantic things you can say to your spouse…*

*“If I had it to do over again, I’d choose you again.”*

*One of the most honest things you can say to your spouse..*

*“I don’t know everything.”*

*One of the most encouraging things you can say to your spouse..*

*“I pray for you every day.”*

**JESUS IS A REFUGE**