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## New Relationships

God, Others, and You





### About Marcie Lynn

Author, Marcie Lynn has always been involved in several ministry opportunities in her local church. When she found herself single again after many years of marriage, her passion turned to singles seeking God's will for their relationships. She was a single mom raising her two sons, Ryan and Joshua in the small town setting she knew as a child. She desired a devotional that she could use in new relationships and was unable to find one on the market. So, guided by the Holy Spirit, she set out to write one. *30 Days—A Devotional for New Relationships* is the result of that endeavor.

Since writing and publishing this first book, Marcie has married. Marcie and her husband, Chris, worked through this book and the yet unpublished books she has written. They found that it has helped them to learn a lot about one another and their Christian beliefs. She has also used this book with a close friend and found that even as the author, she was able to discover new things about herself as well as share a new found closeness with her friend.

### About the Book

When Marcie originally wrote this book, she envisioned it being used by couples who had just met each other or had just started to date. After the book was published, she was greatly surprised at how the book was being used. It seems God had greater plans for this book. The book has been used as a curriculum for a youth/young adult Sunday School, by couples married 5, 20, and 40+ years, by individuals, by friends, and in many other ways.

The title of the book: "New Relationships" is still applicable, however the type of relationships has changed. This book has brought "New Relationship" with God as people use it to discover more about God's Word. It has brought "New Relationship" with individuals as they have discovered things about themselves. And it has brought "New Relationship with others, whether it is with a dating partner, spouse, sister, brother, or best friend.

## Keynote Topics

### **Purpose**

To bring the message of Loving God, Loving Others, and Loving Yourself and the importance of each of those relationships.

### **Presentation**

Using a Power Point presentation, Marcie can deliver your choice of:

**The Orchard Presentation** - Four types of relationship are discussed:

- The relationship of the Soil based on Matthew 13:3-8 which is Relationship with God
- The relationship of Fruit based on Matthew 7:16-20 which is the Relationship with yourself.
- The relationship of Seeds based on Mark 4:31-32 which is the Relationship with others.
- The relationship of the Orchard based on 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 which is the Relationship with the Body of Christ
- These relationships are summarized by Matthew 22:27-40 and 1 Corinthians 12:27.
  - You have to love and know God, in order to fully know and love yourself.
  - You have to love and know yourself in order to fully know and love others.
  - You have to love and know others in order to fully share God.
  - You have to love and know the body in order to fully be a part of Christ's body.

**Entering the House of God** - The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 is discussed in relation to the layout of a house:

- The Living Room (Our Father, which are in heaven, Hallowed be thy name ...) where we crawl up on God's lap and **adore** him.
- The Study (Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven) where we learn God's will and **align** with it.
- The Kitchen (Give us this day our daily bread) where we learn to change our greeds and wants into our needs by **asking** God to supply those needs.
- The Bathroom (And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors) where we dump the things of the flesh and **accept** the washing in the blood of Jesus.
- The Recroom (And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil) where we work out to prepare for battle against the enemy and where we wrestling with God to prepare for God's answers and how to **apply** them.
- The Front Door (In Jesus Name) **acknowledging** that when Jesus left the tomb, he left the door wide open. Whoever knows and loves the Son of God, is an heir to the throne with Him and welcome in God's house all the time.

## The Love Triangle - Love tends to come in triangles:

- **Father/God - Son/Jesus - Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7)**
  - Titus 3:4-6, God loved and because He loved He sent Jesus, His Son. He allowed His Son to be the sacrifice for all our sins. Because Jesus loved, he was willing to bear that heavy burden. Because he died, we are renewed by the love of the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us, we have a direct connection to God
- **God - Husband - Wife**
  - Ephesians 5:33 The man who puts God first and becomes more like Christ, loves himself and is better able to love his wife. The more he loves his wife, like Christ loved the church, the more his wife will be able love him. The woman who puts God first and becomes more like Christ, will love herself and will be free to submit to her husband.
- **God - Parents - Children**
  - Ephesians 6:4, 9, The man who puts God first and becomes more like Christ will walk as an example of Christ and will be a reflection God's love. The child that watches their parent walk as an example of Christ and reflect God's love tend to imitate that example and will find it easier to love God.
- **God - Believer - Unbeliever**
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:8, As a Believer puts God first and becomes more like Christ and walks in His ways, he is observed by the unbeliever. The unbeliever watches and gains respect for the believer, then begins to imitate the believer which leads him right to Christ.
- **Father/God - Son/Jesus - Is your triangle really closed?**
  - Romans 8:12-16 There are many people who accept that God loves them and claim that love, yet they do not reflect that love or do not accept Jesus as part of that love. There are many who accept Jesus, yet do not reflect his love and his walk. They absorb it and keep it for themselves. They in essence are only accepting only two parts of the original triangle ...
  - Are you a true follower of Christ? Or not? Galatians 5:16-26



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### **Program Fees**

For churches in the Cleveland, OH area with this packet, there is no fee. For other organization in the Cleveland area and those outside the Cleveland Area, a love offering or nominal fee can be discussed.

For all non-profit organizations, I will donate \$1.00 back to the organization for every book sold at the event. The books are sold for \$10.00 each. Discounts can be discussed for bulk purchases and all unsold books are fully refundable if purchased directly through Tate Publishing.

### **Travel Expenses and Accommodations**

The organization will cover the speaker's airfare and hotel accommodations and will be billed directly to the client.

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## Book Summary

### 30 Days: A Devotional for New Relationships



Finally—a devotional new Christian couples can use to discover each other's thoughts or feelings in a comfortable, non-threatening format. A couple who would set aside the time (brief), to share these insightful, (easy-to-understand), inspirational entries will be delightfully encouraged and blessed. 30 Days - A Devotional for New Relationships is a refreshing way to learn about the person you just thought you knew as you are prompted to reveal personal preferences, goals and dreams, in spiritual applications.

- How did you get your name? Do you know what it means?
- What is your favorite food? Dessert? What food do you not like?
- What makes you feel valuable?
- Who are you closest to in your family?
- How do you hear from God?

The author has expressed God's love throughout the pages of this unique, heart-lifting book. God wants to be involved; give Him 30 Days to add dimension and depth to your new relationship.

To read more articles and blogs by Marcie Lynn, visit her blog site at <http://marcielynns.wordpress.com>

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### Forward Letter from her book:

As a Pastor, I recommend this devotional book to any couple who has just entered a new relationship. Although targeted primarily to young adults, this devotional could be used by teenagers or even older adults. One of the great benefits of this book is that it provides a practical way to follow the great commandments of Jesus. "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39).

This is a devotional book which allows you and your partner to discover a personal relationship with God through scripture reading and prayer. Also, this is a book about new relationships and about how, while growing closer to the Lord, you can learn exciting new things about the other person. As you read, reflect and pray together, using 30 days will give you the opportunity to be honest with one another and honesty is so important, especially in a new relationship.

The beautiful part of this devotional is that it includes scriptures, questions, and a devotional thought to consider. Marcie Lynn has taken the time to integrate the Bible with life experiences. There are many interesting things to learn about your new dating partner. You can discover likes and dislikes, favorite foods, and what stresses the other person is experiencing. Marcie has tested this devotional with friends who are in new relationships and they have enjoyed praying, reading, and learning about each other.

During my Pastoral ministry, I have conducted a couple hundred wedding services. Unfortunately, during that time I have met with far too many couples who barely knew each other let alone knew God. One of the things that I desire is that couples are prepared for their wedding day by knowing each other and by knowing God. This devotional by Marcie Lynn can become the stepping stone towards building a God-centered relationship. Whatever path your new relationship takes, one thing is sure, your relationship with the Lord will grow and you will always win by being closer to Him.

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