



# FAITH @ HOME

24/7

## Recipe Card

## Marriage Date Night

### Creating a Marriage Masterpiece

#### BEST USE

AS A PRE-PLANNED DATE NIGHT DISCUSSION

#### NUTRITIONAL VALUE

NURTURES A SHARED VISION OF GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

#### ADVANCE PREPARATION

- SCHEDULE A DINNER OR COFFEE DATE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS OUT
- EACH SPOUSE LISTENS TO THE A MARRIAGE MASTERPIECE AUDIO, AVAILABLE ON CD AT THE FAITH@HOME CENTER OR FREE DOWNLOAD AT [WWW.LAKEPARK.CA/FAITH@HOME](http://WWW.LAKEPARK.CA/FAITH@HOME), OR READS THE BOOK AND REFLECTS ON THE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS RECIPE CARD.
- WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS TO DISCUSS THEM DURING THE DATE.

#### DURING THE DATE

1. EACH SPOUSE TAKE TURNS SHARING HIS OR HER ANSWERS TO THE REFLECTION QUESTIONS.
2. BRAINSTORM THE WHAT IF? SCENARIO TOGETHER.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:** Before listening to or reading A Marriage Masterpiece, what would I have said if asked to explain the purpose of our marriage?

**QUESTION:** How does understanding God's design for marriage change or influence that answer?

**QUESTION:** A Marriage Masterpiece describes several characteristics of God's marriage to humanity that should be reflected in our marriage. Which of those characteristics come easy and which come harder?

- A Covenant Marriage – A lifelong, unbreakable commitment
- A Passionate Marriage – Fully giving myself physically and emotionally
- A Fighting Marriage – Forgiving quickly and fighting FOR the relationship
- A One-Sided Marriage – Placing your needs above my own
- A Heroic Marriage – Humbling myself and serving you

**QUESTION:** What one thing will I try to do that might move our marriage closer to the masterpiece it can be?

#### WHAT IF?

Brainstorm the following together to come up with at least ten answers.

*The romance fairy just flew up and handed us ten thousand dollars that must be spent on a five day get-away without the kids. He said we can't go to a place we've been to before and we must try some new adventure. Where would we consider going and what adventures would we try?*

