

SERMON OUTLINE
Fanning the Flames of Romance – Week 1:
Tightening the Knot in Your Marriage
February 14 & 15, 2026
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Intro: Three goals

Mark 10:8-9 – A “God-designed” marriage summed up in one word =

- I. Keep stepping toward _____
 - a. There is a direct link between _____ intimacy and _____ intimacy (Philippians 2:5b)
 - b. Read God’s _____
 - c. Focus on _____
 - i. Guys = _____
 - ii. Ladies = _____
 - d. Start growing _____

- II. Keep stepping toward _____
 - a. Matthew 20:26-28
 - b. Have the right _____
 - c. Take a _____ (Ephesians 1:7)
 - d. Make the unnatural, _____

- III. Keep stepping toward _____
 - a. _____ each other
 - b. Cut _____

- IV. Keep stepping toward _____
 - a. Romans 12:10
 - b. Accept the _____
 - c. Demonstrate _____ and _____
 - d. Speak _____
 - e. Be quick with _____
 - i. Colossians 3:13
 - ii. Ephesians 4:32

This week, I will...

- Start _____ with my spouse every day
- Look for an opportunity to _____ my spouse
- Decide with my spouse something to do _____