

A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



ROAD WORK AHEAD

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

-- Ephesians 2:10

There is major construction going on right outside our front door. It's a noisy distraction, and I confess, I'm sometimes tempted to grumble under my own breath about the inconvenience, especially when I have to carefully navigate through the orange construction barrels and newly created potholes just to get into my driveway. I have to continually remind myself, "They are just doing their job to make this a better place to live and work. When it's completed I'll be glad for the improvements. In the meantime I just need to exercise patience and grace."

Then I realized it's much the same way with marriage. Sometimes things get messy and even noisy around the construction site God is working on –us! But it is God engineering the project to conform us into the image of Christ according to the plans he had drawn up long before we had a clue about anything. So, it may be inconvenient at times, and we may have to navigate carefully around potholes and construction barrels in our relationships, but let's do so with patience and grace while God is making some very necessary improvements in our marriage. It can only get better!

Question For The Both of Us: Do you feel like our marriage is a construction sight which requires careful driving avoiding barriers and potholes? Can you explain? How do you think the project will look differently when they next phase is completed?

Prayer For The Both of Us: Lord, help us to have patience and grace for one another, without grumbling or griping, as you are working to make improvements. Help us keep our eyes on the blessing the improvements will bring.

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