



**What attendees are saying about H.I.M.'s  
"Engagement Matters" weekends**

*It has encouraged us to truly think about the future, not just the present. It has pulled us out of the dark on what engagement and marriage should look like.*

*I think this will ultimately draw us closer—but we have identified some areas to discuss further.*

*It made us seriously look at the things we'd brushed aside and decide if these were big enough to be deal breakers—or if we could grow through them. We have realized we need to depend far more on God and His word than just on our emotions for marriage.*

*It gave us a lot to think about as we move forward. It was also encouraging to know that we are on the right track and that many of the "issues" we are facing are common to most couples.*

*It is so easy to get caught up in planning the wedding that you forget to continue building the relationship. Engagement Matters gave us a great chance to keep digging deeper into how to have a marriage that is not just ordinary, but extraordinary.*

Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen were married in 1976 and are the parents of three young women, the eldest of which was married in February 2007. They have been involved in Family Ministries for over 30 years through family camps, church staff positions, speaking, consulting, and writing.

As the lead resource couple at Home Improvement Ministries, the Friesens regularly speak at marriage, men's, and women's conferences in the US and internationally as well as local family and parenting seminars, and have an ongoing ministry with several professional athletic teams. Paul and Virginia both have Doctorates in Marriage and Family Therapy from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

The Friesens are (with four others) co-authors of the book *Restoring the Fallen* published by InterVarsity Press. Home Improvement Ministries published Dr. Paul Friesen's book *Letters to My Daughters* in 2006, and his book *So You Want to Marry My Daughter?* in 2007, and his book *Before You Save the Date* in 2010. Dr. Virginia Friesen's book, *Raising a Trailblazer: Rite-of-Passage Trail Markers for Set-Apart Kids*, was published in 2008. They have also written a daily marriage devotional guide, *In Our Image: Marriage as a Reflection of the Godhead*, published in 2008.

Paul and Virginia's greatest joy in life is knowing that their children are walking in the Truth.



*The mission of Home Improvement Ministries is to equip, encourage, and bring hope to churches, families, and marriages as they seek to establish and live out biblical designs for relationships.*



*Join us!*

*for one of three focused weekends in a beautiful New England setting with rich and engaging teaching on God's design for your marriage*

October 2-3, 2010

January 8-9, 2011

April 2-3, 2011

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### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

- 8:30 am Continental breakfast and registration
- 9:00 Introductions to each other and to the course
- 9:30 "Marriage: One of God's Best Ideas"
- 10:15 Convictions
- 12:00 pm Testimonies from resource couples
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Character
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Temperaments
- 4:30 Dinner and evening on your own

#### Sunday

- 8:30 am Continental breakfast
- 9:00 Compatibility
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Chemistry
- 12:45 pm Lunch
- 1:45 Question-and-answer session and conclusion
- 3:00 Dismiss



*Believing that marriage is the second most important decision in life . . .*

Engagement Matters is an experience designed to help engaged or pre-engaged couples confirm God's best for them in their relationship with each other, and to help equip couples for a marriage in which both God and one another are honored. In our time together we will discuss the areas of *Convictions*, *Character*, *Compatibility*, and *Chemistry*. During each session on these areas, couples will first have an opportunity to reflect together and discuss the topic, and then hear a presentation to the whole group.

A special session on temperaments will be devoted to the Myers-Brigg Type Indicator, an instrument that will help you discover your unique temperament and how the pairing of different temperaments can strengthen marriage.

The goal in all these sessions is to help you come to a place of confirmation about the direction your relationship should take, as well as offering you tools to help you start a life together. We hope you'll join us!

Engagement Matters Registration Form—or register online at [www.HIMweb.org/em](http://www.HIMweb.org/em)

**\$150.00 per couple**

Fee includes a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a full lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and all materials.

Deposit: \$50.00 per couple (non-refundable)

Please mail this form with your check (made payable to *Home Improvement Ministries*) to:

Home Improvement Ministries  
209 Burlington Road, Suite 105  
Bedford, MA 01730

Directions will be sent upon receipt of your deposit. The balance is due two weeks prior to the event. No housing is provided, but if you are from out of town and need assistance finding housing, please contact us.

His Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church w/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Her Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate date you wish to attend:

- Oct. 2-3, 2010     Jan. 8-9, 2011     April 2-3, 2011

Wedding Date (if set) \_\_\_\_\_