

**“Oasis” Marriage Conference 2008**  
**Book Recommendations**

***A Grace Disguised – How the soul grows through loss***

by Jerry Sittser

A phenomenal book not only about grief, but also about the power of forgiveness (as well as the destructiveness of unforgiveness).

***A Lasting Promise – A Christian Guide to Fighting for Your Marriage***

by Scott M. Stanley, et al

A practical book on conflict management.

***A Promise Kept***

by Robertson McQuilken

A husband’s retrospective on honoring the covenant commitment to his prematurely demented wife.

***In Our Image – Marriage as a Reflection of the Godhead***

by Paul and Virginia Friesen

An eight-week couples’ ten-minute devotional and small group study guide on the design of marriage.

***Intimate Allies***

by Dan B. Allender and Tremper Longman

A design for marriage using case studies of couples dealing with a variety of marital issues.

***Intimate Issues***

by Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus

Female sexuality from a Biblical perspective.

***Intimacy Ignited***

by Joseph Dillow, Linda Dillow, Peter Pintus, and Lorraine Pintus

Marital sexuality, Song of Solomon-style.

***Letters to My Daughters***

by Paul Friesen

A series of 52 letters written with wit and wisdom from a father’s heart regarding making the “second most important decision of life –who you will marry”

***Margin***

by Dr. Richard Swensen

A challenge to live life more intentionally within reasonable boundaries in order to protect mental, spiritual, and physical health.

***Please Understand Me***

by David Keirse and Marilyn Bates

Using an instrument based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Keirse and Bates unlock some of the mysteries of temperament differences and help the reader understand how to allow the differences to build rather than destroy.

***Raising a Trailblazer – rite-of-passage trailmarkers for set-apart teens***

by Virginia Friesen

A design for guiding your teens through the years by celebrating value-driven milestone birthdays at 13, 16, 18, and 21.

***Sacred Marriage***

by Gary Thomas

Our top pick on God's design for marriage; a convincing argument for marriage being sacrificially driven rather than selfishly driven.

***So You Want to Marry My Daughter?***

by Paul Friesen

A great tool for young men and their fathers to use when considering preparation for marriage.

***The Five Love Languages***

by Gary Chapman

This equipping book helps couples learn how to more effectively love each other by understanding and applying *love languages*.

***The Mystery of Marriage***

by Mike Mason

An excellent book describing the Biblical design for marriage.

***When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer***

by Jerry Sittser

An honest examination of the purposes, the power, and the paradoxes of prayer, and what it teaches us about ourselves and God.