



## **RELATIONSHIP***development*

### **Two *life spaces* becoming one**

A relationship begins with two people on separate paths in pursuit of individual goals. Two people from different backgrounds can live in the same town or neighborhood and yet have drastically different nuance unique to their physical and social DNA. If the relationship is going to thrive common ground will have to be forged to satisfy the needs of both people connected.

When the emphasis on relationship diminishes in a marriage the value of one spouse to the other becomes less. When you allow problem issues, personal preferences, personal goals to become more dominant and more important than developing and maintaining relationship it is a sign that the value of your marriage partner is not what it was when you first met. It is important to re-discover what made the person you married so valuable and important to you. You must remember what caused you to promote having a relationship with this person above every imperfection that you knew existed when you first became seriously interested in them. When you re-establish the value of your relationship you will create new life for your marriage.

**Value Deposits-** Remember value deposits are on-going they are not a one-time event. You must continue to make deposit without measuring your actions for immediate results or gain. Jorge: handle finances more responsibly; more quality time with wife/family; not allow personal anxiety to ruin marriage/family happiness; bring family back to church Debbie: open mind; able to listen to other opinions; be supportive to husband's decisions; more loving heart.

#### **1. What kind of deposits are you willing to make into your Relationship?**

(list five)

#### **2. What do you need or expect to receive from the Relationship?**

(list three)