



# Recipe Card

## *Creating a Marriage Masterpiece*

### **Best Use**

As a pre-planned date night discussion

### **Nutritional Value**

Nurtures a shared vision of God's design for your marriage

### **Advance Preparation**

- Schedule a dinner or coffee date at least two weeks out
- Each spouse listens to the *Marriage Masterpiece* audio Podcast (Download available from the HomePointe podcast at iTunes) or reads the book and reflects on the questions on the back of this recipe card.
- Write down your thoughts to discuss them during the date.

### **During The Date**

1. Each spouse take turns sharing his or her answers to the reflection questions.
2. Brainstorm the *What If?* scenario together.

## **Reflection Questions**

**Question:** Before listening to or reading *A Marriage Masterpiece*, what would I have said if asked to explain the purpose of our marriage?

**Question:** How does understanding God's design for marriage change or influence that answer?

**Question:** *A Marriage Masterpiece* describes several characteristics of God's marriage to humanity that should be reflected in our marriage. Which of those characteristics come easy and which come harder?

- A Covenant Marriage – A lifelong, unbreakable commitment
- A Passionate Marriage – Fully giving myself physically and emotionally
- A Fighting Marriage – Forgiving quickly and fighting FOR the relationship
- A One-Sided Marriage – Placing your needs above my own
- A Heroic Marriage – Humbling myself and serving you

**Question:** What one thing will I try to do that might move our marriage closer to the masterpiece it can be?

## **What If?**

Brainstorm the following together to come up with at least ten answers.

*The romance fairy just flew up and handed us ten thousand dollars that must be spent on a five day get-away without the kids. He said we can't go to a place we've been to before and we must try some new adventure. Where would we consider going and what adventures would we try?*