

Love Affair:

A romantic or sexual relationship between two people.



People today tend to think of a “love affair” as the relationship leading to marriage—or a relationship outside of marriage. We usually don’t think of marriage when we think of a love affair. Yet, Marriage is the place for a love affair! The romantic-sexual relationship should happen in marriage and it can happen for life. The Bible records Solomon’s wife saying, “I belong to my lover, and his desire is for me.” (Song of Songs 7:10) That, friends, is a Biblical love affair! The attitude of desiring our spouse—belonging to him or her. The love affair is a choice we make; a choice to romance and demonstrate our desire for our spouse.

Some argue that the love affair is an infatuation with another person that will wear off after some period of time and then begins the real work of marriage. One writer even commented that the “romantic” feelings of love typically lasts a short time and, unless replaced by true love, will result in a broken relationship. Yes, after 39 years of marriage, Carmen and I aren’t consumed by each other like we were at first, but there is romance—there is a love affair in our marriage. The Song of Solomon is a Biblical record of the love of affair of a husband and wife—it is romantic, even sensual. God tells us to enjoy life with our spouse—engaging in a love affair with your spouse will increase your enjoyment of each other. It will improve your marriage!

You can have a love affair with your spouse—it requires some time, some thought, and a little creativity, but you can do it! Check out the articles below or look at the romance resources on our website. There are many great ideas to spark a love affair with your spouse. Make the decision to do something, take the time to find a fun, romantic thing you can do and do it! Start up a love affair—with your spouse, and take some time to enjoy each other.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com*

The Fortified Marriages Manual & Workbook is a great resource helping couples continue the love affair with each other. Also see:

Articles to check out: *How to Enjoy a Lifelong Love Affair With Your Spouse* by Jimmy Evans
The Marriage Challenge: 4 Easy Habits That Create The Marriage Of Your Dreams... themarriagechallenge.com