

**IDEA CARD**

Marriages

**Did You Know…**

1. **A character quality I admire in you is…**

(i.e., patience, diligence, sincerity, kindness, honesty, humility)

1. **I appreciate the simple ways you serve me by…**

(i.e., sacrificing hobbies, helping with the children, making coffee in the morning, working to provide, managing the household)

1. **Something I love about you is…**

(i.e., how you play with the children, your thoughtfulness, your sense of humor, how you care for others, your passion for life)

1. **One way I’ve seen you grow closer to God is…**

(i.e., your self-discipline, your compassion for others, how you pray, taking us to church, your desire to read the Bible, your selflessness)

1. **I feel most refreshed by you when…**

(i.e., you rub my shoulders, we go shopping together, we kiss, you wink at me)

 **Optional:** Come up with your own *“Did You Know”* statements.

**Going Further**

Read these verses together and discuss the blessings of encouraging each other…

* **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

***“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.”***

(Encouraging words will build up my spouse)

* **Proverbs 11:25**

***“…he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”***

(Refreshing my spouse refreshes me)

* **Hebrews 3:13**

***“But encourage one another daily…so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”***

(Intentionally affirming my spouse keeps our hearts soft)

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**Best Use**

A date night discussion guide for husbands and wives to encourage and build each other up with words of affirmation.

**Advance Preparation**

* Schedule a dinner or coffee date. This can also be a date night at home after putting kids to bed.
* Each spouse should spend a few minutes writing down their own responses to the *“Did You Know”* statements on the reverse side.
* **Optional:** Write your affirmations on a card that you can give to your spouse as a keepsake.

**During the Date**

Take turns reading your answers to the statements aloud.