

No. 21 Be a Courageous . . . (Symposium)
 -Marriage Mate

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown,
use it to illustrate the points that follow]

WHY MARRIAGE MATES NEED COURAGE (2 min.)

If you are married, we commend you for your efforts to maintain a
loyal, loving bond with your mate despite challenges
Satan is eager to break up marriages and bring reproach on Jehovah,
the Originator of marriage
There are no perfect marriage mates, so there are no perfect
marriages (Ro 3:23)
Marriage mates will experience "tribulation in their flesh" (1Co
7:28)
In the following video, note how a husband and wife showed courage
when faced with an unexpected challenge

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW MARRIAGE MATES CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (4 min.)

Cultivate appreciation for the sacredness of marriage (Mt 19:6; Heb
13:4)
If problems or disagreements arise, do not run away from them; rather,
work to resolve them
Do not allow resentment to erode your marriage relationship; act
quickly to repair any damage [Read Ephesians 4:26, 27]
It takes courage to admit mistakes and apologize (Jas 3:2)
It takes courage to extend trust and forgiveness when you have
been hurt
If you feel that you and your mate have drifted apart, prayerfully
discuss together how to improve your marriage
Remain faithful to your marriage vow despite unexpected challenges
Life in this system rarely happens exactly as planned
On their wedding day, Abraham and Sarah could not have imagined the
many challenges they would face (Ge 12:1, 2; 17:15-17)
Changing circumstances did not weaken their marriage
They faced their challenges together and thus strengthened their
bond with each other and with Jehovah
Like Abraham and Sarah, may you cultivate a marriage bond that brings
joy to you and your mate and that honors Jehovah
Brother _____ will now present the next talk of this
symposium, "Be a Courageous . . . Parent"

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