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# The Founder's

#### We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM) Magazine | 8th Annual Love Gala

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Esteemed Guests,

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we warmly welcome you to the 8th Annual Love Gala and the inaugural edition of WIM Magazine. This moment marks a milestone in the journey of We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM), and we are thrilled to share it with you—our cherished community of believers in the power of love, unity, and commitment. Over the years, WIM has been steadfast in its mission to foster healthy marriages and enrich relationships.

Through workshops, retreats, and community outreach, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of prioritizing intentional investments in marriage. Tonight, we celebrate not only the beauty of love but also the resilience and strength that marriage brings to families, communities, and society as a whole.

The Love Gala has always been more than a gathering; it is a celebration of the enduring principles that make marriages thrive: trust, respect, communication, and, most importantly, love. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the incredible support system that enables WIM to flourish. From our dedicated members, to our generous donors and sponsors, your belief in our mission is the cornerstone of our success.

This inaugural issue of WIM Magazine is a testament to the stories, wisdom, and hope that inspire us every day. It is our heartfelt wish that this publication serves as a source of encouragement and empowerment for every reader, whether you are just starting your marital journey or have decades of shared experiences.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to expanding our reach and resources, ensuring that every couple has the tools to build a strong and lasting marriage. Together, we are building a legacy of love that will endure for generations.

Thank you for joining us tonight and for being part of the WIM family. May this evening and this magazine remind us all of the beauty and power of love.

With love and gratitude,

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Pastor Anthony Louis & Cherraine Louis Co-Founders, We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM)



## The Cox's Deacon Robert & Deaconess Carole Cox

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#### A Love Rooted in Faith, Commitment, and Willingness

Marriage is a divine journey, and for Deacon Robert and Deaconess Carole Cox, their 53-year journey together is a testament to enduring love, mutual respect, and unwavering faith. Their remarkable story is one of dedication, resilience, and a willingness to embrace life's blessings and challenges hand in hand. Through the years, their story has inspired countless couples, and in this special feature, we celebrate their extraordinary journey and timeless wisdom.

#### How It All Began

Their love story began at a neighborhood bus stop, where Robert was drawn to Carole's beauty, describing her as "attractive," while Carole found Robert "handsome." That moment marked the start of a lifetime of shared dreams and faith-filled love.

#### **Cherished Traditions and Early Challenges**

The Coxes' early years were filled with memorable summer road trips to Orlando and Georgia, where Robert's family lived. Reflecting on their early years, the Coxes fondly recall road trips to Orlando and Georgia as some of their most cherished moments. For Carole, a Miami city girl, these trips to the country were an adventure in themselves. These trips were not just vacations; they were opportunities to build memories and deepen their bond. "We always made the most of those summer bonuses from Robert's job," Carole reminisced. "We'd pack up the kids and make those trips, and that time together became our glue."

Yet, those years weren't without challenges. Married young and quickly growing their family, the Coxes faced financial responsibilities head-on. "We had to work hard," Robert shared, "and when I got that union card, it made things a little easier."





#### Keys to a Long and Happy Marriage

When asked about the secret to their 53-year union, the Coxes emphasized one word: willingness. "Willingness to respect, be kind, listen, and share," Carole said. "Marriage requires you to give of yourself, even when it's hard. Are you still willing? That's the question we always ask ourselves."

They also credit their faith and the importance of prayer in their relationship. "Praying for each other and with each other is vital," they shared. "It keeps us grounded and connected." In addition, trust and communication have been pillars in their relationship. "Trust holds us accountable for our words and actions," Carole said. "And when it's time to talk, we respect each other's readiness to share."

#### **Memories and Milestones**

Over the years, the Coxes have celebrated countless milestones, from the birth of their children to the purchase of their first home. Among their most cherished moments was their 25th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated with a special portrait session without the children. "It was a time to pause, reflect, and realize how far we'd come," Carole said. The couple explained that this moment was the very first time that they stopped to reflect on how far they have come as a couple and celebrated all their accomplishments. The joy felt at that moment is one that is unforgettable.

#### Keeping the Romance Alive Happy Marriage

Even after 53 years, the Coxes have found ways to keep their romance alive. They hold hands, share laughter, and practice small acts of kindness that reflect their deep respect for one another. "He still pulls out my chair and opens the car door for me," Carole shared. "It's the little things that remind us we're still each other's 'person."

#### **Lessons for Younger Couples**

The Coxes' advice to younger couples is profound and practical:

- Pray together: Faith strengthens your bond.
- Spend quality time together: Find moments to reconnect, even in busy seasons.
- Stay willing: Be willing to respect, listen, and compromise.
- Remember your vows: "I will" should remain a guiding principle in your marriage.

Carole reflected, "When God is at the center, everything falls into place. Trust His timing, and He'll send the right person and guide you through the journey."

When asked to sum up their marriage in one sentence, Robert said, "We have a great marriage with God's help." Carole added, "God has turned our joy in marriage into enjoying marriage."

As they reflect on their 53 years together, the Coxes are filled with gratitude—for each other, for their family, and for the faith that has guided their journey. Their story is a reminder that with patience, trust, and willingness, love can endure and flourish.

As We Invest In Our Marriage (WIM) celebrates this incredible couple, we honor their unwavering commitment and their contributions to their family, church, and community. Congratulations, Deacon Robert and Deaconess Carole Cox, on 53 years of love, partnership, and faith. May your journey continue to be a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come.

"Love is a journey of faith, patience, and unwavering commitment"

## Couple's Game

### Couple's Connection Game: "Two Truths and a Dream"

#### How to Play:

This game is a fun twist on "Two Truths and a Lie" and is designed to spark meaningful conversations while keeping it lighthearted. It's perfect for a cozy evening at home or as a date night activity.

- 1. Write it Down:
- 2. Each partner writes down:
  - Two truths: Something true about themselves, your relationship, or a shared memory.
  - One dream: Something they'd love to do or experience in the future (it could be realistic or wildly imaginative).
- 3. Guess the Dream:
- 4. Take turns reading your three statements aloud. The other person has to guess which one is the dream.
- 5. Discuss the Dream:
- 6. After guessing, spend a few minutes talking about the dream. Why is it meaningful? Could it become a shared goal?

#### Example:

- Truth: "I can't start my day without coffee."
- Truth: "I once got lost in an airport because I followed the wrong sign."
- Dream: "I want us to take a month-long road trip across the country."

#### Why It Works:

- It blends fun and discovery, allowing you to learn new things about each other.
- The "dream" element opens the door for exciting conversations about future plans, goals, and fantasies.
- It's quick, easy, and can be played anywhere—no fancy setup needed!

Pro Tip: Add a playful twist by turning it into a mini-competition. Whoever guesses more dreams correctly gets a fun prize—like a homemade dessert or a free back massage!







Turtle and Kristie's Dalmond's Journey Together Celebrating 24 Years Together and 18 Years of Marriage

Turtle and Kristie's story is one that began with an unexpected spark at a wedding back in October 2000. When I sat down with them to chat about their journey together, they shared their journey with me, reflecting on their 24 years together and 18 years of marriage. It's clear that their connection has been the foundation of everything they've built together.

#### How They Met and Built Their Family

Turtle and Kristie's story began at that wedding, where they first crossed paths. "We met at a wedding on October 21st, 2000," Turtle told me, with a smile as he looked at Kristie. "Three weeks later, we started dating, and six years after that, we got married on November 10th." Their love has only grown stronger over the years, especially as they've built their family. For them, the most rewarding part of raising their young children is knowing that they're always there for each other, supporting one another through the highs and lows.

"We've always got each other's backs," Kristie shared. "It's not just about raising kids; it's about building a legacy together. We want our family to know love, trust, and what it means to work together."

## Balancing Marriage, Parenting, and Keeping the Connection

Anyone who's been through the ups and downs of life with young children knows it's easy for relationships to take a backseat. So, I asked Turtle and Kristie how they balance everything—being parents, partners, and still keeping that spark alive. Their answer was simple: faith and making time for each other.

"It's all about putting God first and having faith," Kristie said. "We make sure we spend time together and chase after each other, even in the busy moments." Turtle nodded in agreement. "We know that nurturing our relationship is just as important as raising our kids. It's about keeping that bond strong."

#### Their Journey with WIM

Their journey with We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM) started after hearing about the organization from Pastor Anthony. "The vibe at WIM was unlike anything we had experienced before," Turtle explained. "We loved the atmosphere and the bond between couples. Pastor Anthony and Lady Che's vision really motivated us to join." The couple shared that the couples' retreat they attended was one of the most impactful experiences they've had with WIM. "The retreat really helped us connect with others strengthening and focus on relationship," Kristie shared. "We learned so much about each other and got the chance to reset and focus on what matters."



"True love is not just about enduring the highs and lows; it's about building a legacy of faith, trust, and unwavering support that stands as a beacon for generations to come."

#### **Overcoming Challenges Together**

Like any couple, Turtle and Kristie have faced their own challenges along the way. One of those challenges almost led them to give up on their marriage. "There was a time when we really considered walking away," Turtle admitted. But the tools and strategies they learned through WIM helped them get through that rough patch. "WIM taught us how to navigate those tough moments," Kristie explained. "We found ways to rebuild, and with God's help, our stronger."The bond grew couple emphasized how the lessons they learned through WIM have been invaluable not just in their marriage, but in their parenting as well.



#### The WIM Community's Role in Their Journey

The WIM community has been a huge support for Turtle and Kristie, and they made it clear that they don't feel alone on this journey. "The WIM community provides us with guidance, support, and reassurance," Kristie shared. "We've met so many wonderful couples, and the support from Pastor Anthony and the other members has been so valuable."

#### Their Message for Other Couples

When I asked Turtle and Kristie what advice they would give to couples considering joining WIM, they didn't hesitate. "We are better together," they both said in unison. "WIM has given us the tools, support, and guidance to grow as a couple and a family. It's been life-changing."

#### Looking to the Future

Looking ahead, Turtle and Kristie are excited for what the future holds. They plan to continue growing as individuals and as a couple, knowing that the lessons they've learned through WIM will continue to guide them. "Our marriage is going to keep flourishing," Kristie said with a hopeful smile. "And WIM will always be there for us, offering support and guidance as we continue this journey." Their story is a beautiful reminder that, with the right tools, support, and faith, love can continue to grow and thrive. For Turtle and Kristie, their journey is far from over. They're just getting started.

# Talk the Talk: Why Communication Is the Heartbeat of a Happy Marriage



Pastor Anthony Louis CONTRIBUTOR

Marriage: the ultimate team sport where your partner is both your MVP and, occasionally, your most baffling opponent. One day you're finishing each other's sentences, and the next, you're locked in a heated debate about the "right" way to wash the dishes. (Spoiler: there's no right way, only their way.)
The secret sauce that keeps it all together?
Communication. Think of it as the Wi-Fi signal in your relationship—when it's strong, everything works. When it's weak, you might as well be trying to stream a movie on old school dial-up.

#### Why Communication Matters

Let's face it: humans aren't mind readers. Yet, so many couples expect their spouse to instinctively know that "I'm fine" means "I'm actually a swirling hurricane of emotions, please ask me what's wrong." Communication bridges the gap between assumptions and understanding. It's the glue that binds intimacy, trust, and mutual respect. Without it, even the happiest marriage can turn into a silent standoff.

#### The Funny Side of Miscommunication

Picture this: You ask your partner to pick up something for dinner, and they show up with a salad. You were envisioning some Haitian food. Now, you're not just hangry—you're salad-hangry. These little misfires are what make marriage real, but they're also reminders of how much we need clear communication.

#### Tips for Talking It Out

- Use Your Words (Yes, Really!)
- You know that thing that's been bugging you?
   Say it! Don't let it fester until it explodes during a perfectly innocent discussion about the fan being on or the temperature in the room.
   Instead of, "You never listen to me," try, "I feel unheard when..." Trust me, starting sentences with "I feel" is like putting bubble wrap on tough conversations.
- Listen Like a Pro
- Listening isn't just waiting for your turn to talk—
  it's actively trying to understand your partner's
  perspective. Nod, make eye contact, and—this
  one's a biggie—resist the urge to solve their
  problem unless they ask for help. Sometimes,

your partner wants your ear and not your thoughts.

- The Cool off Rule
- Is the topic important but emotionally charged? Give yourself some time to cool off and collect your thoughts. This avoids saying something you'll regret, Something that is hurtful to your partner
- · Laugh Together
- Humor is the WD-40 of relationships. Being stuck up and angry will not help any relationship. Laughter and humor are a part of a great relationship.
- Set "Connection Time"
- Life gets busy, and deep conversations can be hard to squeeze in between work emails and grocery lists. Set aside 10–15 minutes a day to connect. Ask each other questions like, "What was the best part of your day?" or "If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" (Pro tip: "the ability to always win arguments" is not a valid answer.)

#### **Closing Thoughts**

- Communication in marriage is like keeping your phone charged—it takes effort, but it's worth it to avoid the dreaded "low battery" zone. Talk, laugh, and listen. It's not about getting it right every time; it's about showing up and trying.
- Because at the end of the day, a
  happy marriage isn't built on grand
  gestures or fancy vacations, Nor
  Instagram reel photos to convince
  others that our relationship is good. it's
  built on the little moments where you
  say, "I hear you, I see you, and yes, I
  love you through it all.
- So, grab a cup of coffee, sit down with your partner, and talk about the things that matter. Your marriage will thank you—and maybe even the dishwasher will, too.

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"Communication is the invisible thread that weaves trust, understanding, and love into the fabric of marriage. When partners speak with honesty, listen with empathy, and share with vulnerability, they transform mere words into the heartbeat of a truly connected relationship."



#### **Pastor Anthony & First Lady Cherraine Louis**



Pastor Anthony Louis and First Lady Cherraine Louis, the visionary founders of We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM), embody a story of faith, resilience, and unwavering dedication to fostering strong marriages. Through their leadership and personal testimony, they have created a safe space where couples can find support, encouragement, and tools to strengthen their relationships. This inaugural article delves into their journey, their family, and the motivation that brought WIM to life.

#### A LOVE STORY ROOTED IN FAITH & COMMITMENT

The Louis' journey began in church when they were just teenagers, ages 14 and 16. Reflecting on their beginnings, Pastor Anthony shared, "We met in church when we were just teenagers. Over the years, the foundation of our journey has been a shared faith in God, open communication, and a deep commitment to growing together." This unwavering commitment to each other and their faith laid the groundwork for a life of shared purpose.

Their relationship blossomed into a family built on love, respect, and intentionality. Together, they have raised three children: BJ (Anthony Jr.), 27, Aaron, 24, and Adrianne, 21. Cherraine shared, "Our relationship has set the tone for our family life. We've always strived to lead by example, showing our kids what it means to love, forgive, and work through challenges together." Their commitment to their marriage has influenced not only their children but also countless families in their community.

#### THE BIRTH OF A VISION: FOUNDING WIM

The idea for We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM) was born from personal experience and a heartfelt desire to make a difference. Early in their marriage, the Louis' faced challenges that tested their communication and balance. Pastor Anthony explained, "We realized that thriving as a couple takes intentional effort, open communication, and a community of people who share the same commitment to growth." A transformative marriage retreat planted a seed in their hearts and inspired them to create a space where couples could receive the same support and encouragement.

WIM was established by Pastor Anthony Louis and First Lady Cherraine Louis. First Lady Cherraine wanted to create a group of married couples who would celebrate the sanctity of marriage by strengthening the bond between husband, wife, and God. After many months of prayer, on February 18, 2012, WIM had its first official event at Benihana with 6 couples.

In that one evening, the couples were able to connect, grow, and learn through presentations, discussions, games, fun, laughter, and alone time. Pastor Anthony described their mission: "We wanted to create a space where marriages could be strengthened and restored—where couples could be real about their struggles but also celebrate their victories."

#### Overcoming Challenges and Growing Together

Launching WIM was not without its challenges. Pastor Anthony recalled, "One of the biggest hurdles was stepping out of our comfort zone. We weren't sure if people would respond to what we had to offer, and there was definitely some fear of failure." They also faced practical challenges, such as building trust with couples and fostering an environment of openness. Despite these obstacles, the Louis' relied on their faith and focused on building relationships with couples who shared their vision.

Pastor Anthony added, "We started focusing on quality over quantity, building relationships with just a few couples that really wanted to invest in their marriage. That allowed us to grow WIM naturally over time." Today, WIM has become a thriving community that continues to expand, touching the lives of countless couples.

#### A Balancing Act of Love and Leadership

Balancing their roles as partners, parents, and community leaders has been a journey of intentionality and teamwork for the Louis'. Pastor Anthony explained, "First and foremost, we prioritize our relationship. We've learned that if we aren't strong as a couple, it's harder to effectively pour into our community and Church family." Regular date nights and honest communication have been key to staying connected.

As parents, the Louis' have worked to create an environment where their children feel supported and valued. "We've also involved them in our community work over the years, which has taught them the importance of serving others," Cherraine shared.

When it comes to leadership, particularly running WIM since 2012, they have relied heavily on God's guidance. Pastor Anthony emphasized, "We stay grounded by remembering our 'why'—to encourage and uplift other couples. It's a balancing act, but with prayer, time management, and knowing when to ask for help, we've been able to make it work without losing sight of each other or our family."

#### A Mission to Strengthen Marriages for Generations

At the heart of WIM is a simple yet profound mission: to equip, empower, and encourage couples to strengthen their marriages and, in turn, grow stronger families. Pastor Anthony emphasized, "We believe that when couples are intentional about investing in their relationship, they not only transform their marriage but also positively impact their family, community, and future generations."

The Louis' long-term vision is to see WIM's impact extend far beyond South Florida. "We envision WIM expanding to include more resources, such as books, workshops, and online courses, so we can support couples no matter where they are," Cherraine shared. They dream of a global movement where marriages are thriving, couples are inspired to grow together, and families are strengthened for generations to come.

#### Transforming Lives, One Marriage at a Time

Through WIM, the Louis' have witnessed countless stories of transformation. Pastor Anthony recalled one memorable testimony: "A couple shared how WIM saved their marriage. They were on the brink of divorce, but through the tools, support, and encouragement they found in the group, they were able to rebuild their relationship and find a deeper connection than they'd ever had before."

#### **MEET THE VISIONARIES**

Stories like these fuel the Louis' passion and remind them of their purpose. "Leading WIM has deepened our connection as a couple because we constantly remind ourselves to practice what we teach," Pastor Anthony shared. "It's not always easy, but it's a daily reminder that our marriage is a gift worth cherishing."

#### A Message of Hope and Encouragement

To couples considering joining WIM, the Louis' offer this encouragement: "It's never too late to invest in your relationship. Marriage is a journey, and like any meaningful relationship, it requires effort, patience, and love—but the rewards are worth it. Joining WIM isn't about being perfect; it's about committing to do the work together and being part of a community that values growth."

#### **Looking Ahead**

As they look to the future, Pastor Anthony and First Lady Cherraine Louis remain committed to their vision for WIM. They hope to see WIM continue to inspire and empower couples worldwide, creating a legacy of love and commitment that will ripple through generations.

The community plays a crucial role in supporting We Invest in Our Marriage (WIM), and collective effort can amplify its impact. Pastor Anthony and First Lady Cherraine encourage the community to get involved through prayers, spreading the word, volunteering, or providing financial support.



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#### **MEET THE VISIONARIES**

"Prayers and encouragement keep us motivated and grounded," Pastor Anthony shared, "but spreading the word and inviting others to join WIM expands the of our mission." Cherraine added, reach "Volunteering or mentoring other couples is a meaningful way to pay it forward, and financial support helps us offer more resources and events." They also invite the community to engage with WIM on social media, tuning in to WIM Radio, and participate in workshops, retreats, and gatherings. "Together, we can build a stronger foundation for marriages, families, and communities," they said in unison.

With faith, resilience, and a heart for service, the Louis' have shown that investing in marriage can transform lives, strengthen families, and build a stronger community. Their story is a testament to the power of love and intentionality—and an invitation for others to join them on this journey.

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# Fighting Fair: Turning Marital Spats into Growth Opportunities



Let's be honest: even the happiest couples argue. After all, two unique individuals sharing a life together are bound to clash from time to time. Whether it's about what to watch on Netflix or something as big as career choices, disagreements happen. But here's the twist: conflict isn't the villain in your love story—it's how you handle it that can make or break your relationship.

#### Why Fighting Fair Matters

Arguments can either build walls or bridges. Fighting fair transforms conflict into an opportunity for growth, "let me say that again" Fighting fair transforms conflict into an opportunity for growth, understanding, and deeper connection. It's not about who wins or loses; it's about finding solutions that strengthen your Relationship.

When done right, arguments can:

- Reveal underlying needs or concerns.
- Encourage healthy communication.
- Build trust by showing you can work through challenges together.



But when handled poorly, fights can spiral into resentment, hurt feelings, and a sense of disconnection.

#### The Rules of Fighting Fair

#### No Personal Attacks

It's easy to let frustration get the better of you, but resist the urge to hurl insults or bring up past mistakes. Saying, "You're just like your mother" is not only unhelpful—it's a surefire way to derail the conversation. Focus on the issue at hand, not on tearing each other down.

#### • Stick to "I" Statements

Instead of blaming your partner with "You never listen," try expressing how you feel: "I feel unheard when..." It's less accusatory and opens the door for understanding rather than defensiveness.

#### • Stay on Topic

If you're arguing about dishes, don't suddenly bring up that time they forgot your birthday in 2018. Dragging in unrelated issues muddies the conversation and makes resolution almost impossible.

#### Take Breaks if Needed

If things get too heated, it's okay to call a time-out. Walk away, take a deep breath, and agree to revisit the conversation when you're calmer. Just don't use a time-out as a way to avoid resolving the issue altogether.

#### Listen, Don't Just Wait to Talk

Active listening is a superpower in fights. Instead of mentally preparing your rebuttal, really hear what your partner is saying. Validate their feelings, even if you don't fully agree. Phrases like, "I understand why you feel that way" can go a long way.

#### Avoid Absolutes

Words like "always" and "never" are fight fuel. Saying "You never help around the house" probably isn't true, and it puts your partner on the defensive. Stick to facts and specific behaviors instead.

#### Apologize Sincerely

"I'm sorry" isn't just for kids. A genuine apology shows that you value the relationship more than being right. Follow it up with a commitment to change, like, "I'll do my best to be more mindful next time."

66 "In marriage, conflict isn't a battle to win, but an opportunity to grow together. When you stop fighting against each other and start fighting for each other, every disagreement becomes a chance to deepen your connection and understanding."

#### **Tools for Fighting Fair**

#### • The 10-Second Rule:

Before responding in anger, take 10 seconds to think about whether your words will help or hurt.

#### • Reflect and Restate:

Paraphrase what your partner said to show you understand their perspective. For example, "So you're upset because you feel like I've been prioritizing work over spending time together?"

#### • End on a Positive Note:

Once the argument is resolved, reaffirm your commitment to each other. A hug, a kiss, or even a simple "I love you" can remind you both that you're on the same team.

## Why Fighting Fair Can Strengthen Your Relationship

Fair fighting isn't about suppressing conflict—it's about using it as a tool to grow closer. Couples who navigate disagreements with respect and empathy often report feeling more connected and secure in their relationships. Remember: it's okay to disagree. What matters most is how you handle those disagreements. Think of conflict as a fire—when managed properly, it can warm your home; when left unchecked, it can burn it down.

Every couple argues—it's part of being human. But if you approach conflict with kindness, patience, and the goal of mutual understanding, you'll not only resolve issues more effectively but also strengthen your bond. So, the next time you're on the verge of a spat, remember: you're not opponents in a boxing ring. You're partners building a life together, one conversation at a time.































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#### Your Home, Your Way

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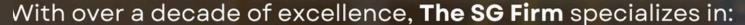




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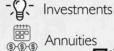


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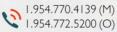
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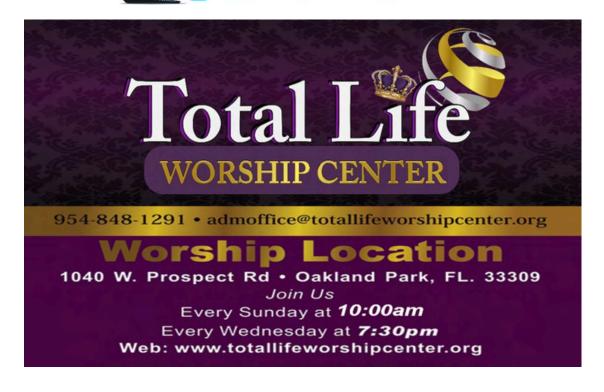


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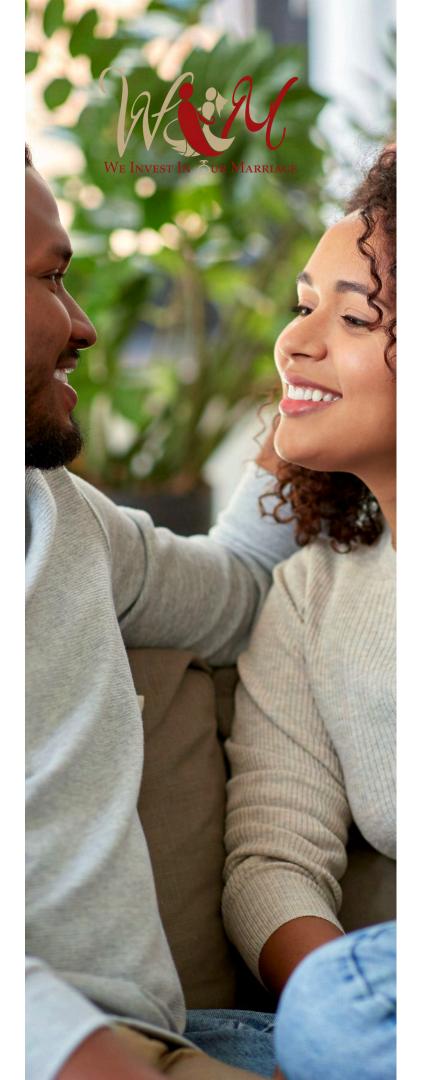




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