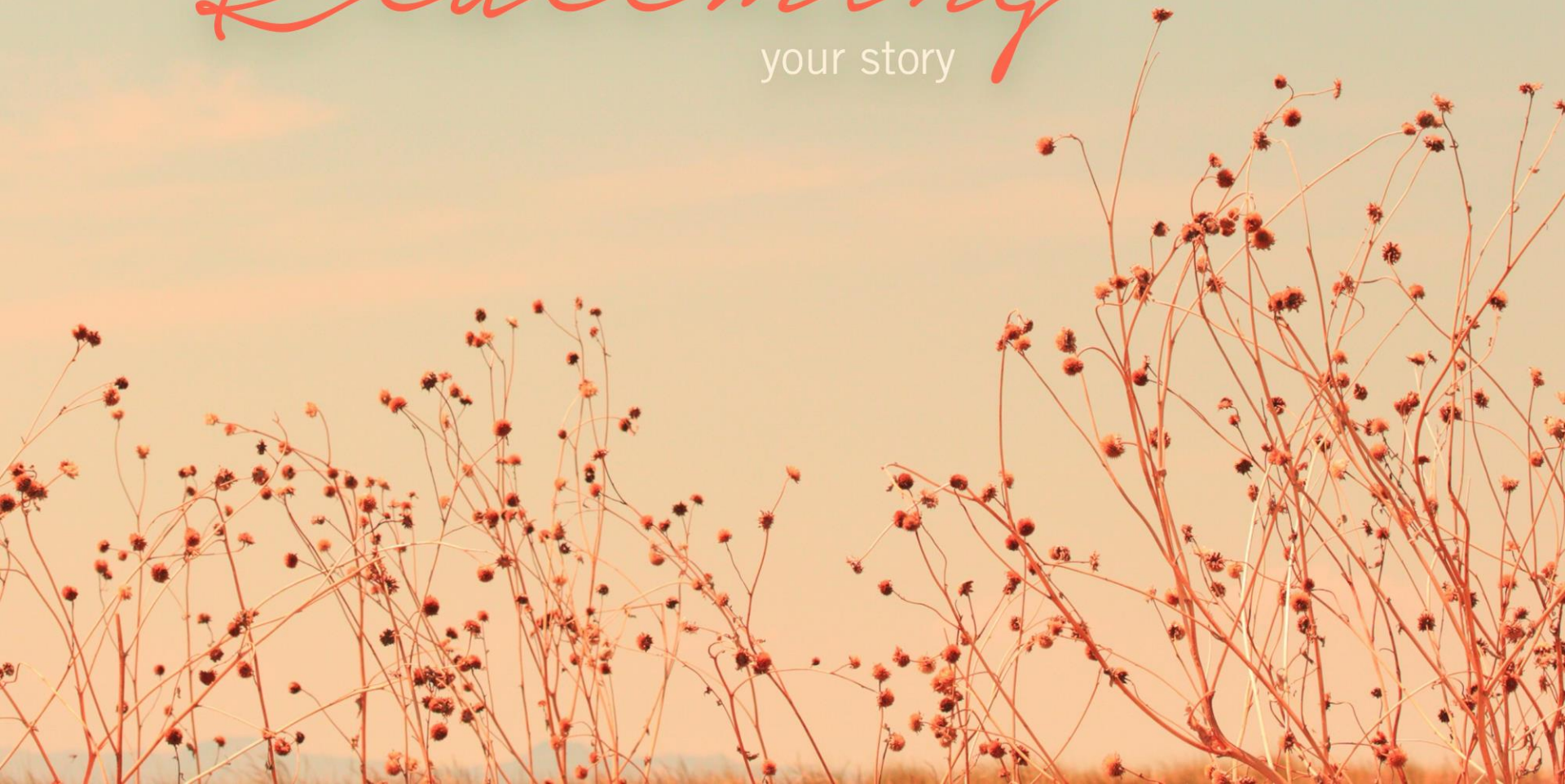


Redeeming

your story



starting blocks

a: God is into relationships

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "*It is not good* that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him... ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

genesis 2:18, 24

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²²*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.*

proverbs 18:22



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e: Everybody is somebody's spouse



discussion questions

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b: What is the person you're looking for, looking for? / *What is your spouse looking for in their spouse?*



redeeming your story

last week

- Live with a vision
- Renew your paths, not your promise
- Become a whole person



1: pursue wholeness

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 thessalonians 5:23



2: develop financial discipline

¹⁴Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

proverbs 19:14



2: develop financial discipline

“Couples tend to view things like addictions and adultery as threats to their marriages but overlook problems associated with money.

However, surveys show that 80 percent of divorced couples in their twenties and thirties claim that financial problems were the major destructive factor in their marriages, according to the winter 1997-98 issue of Stewardship Journal.

2: develop financial discipline

One survey, conducted by R.H. Bruskin Associates, asked couples what topics they argued about the most. Money was named by 78 percent of the respondents.

Next on the list was indifference to feelings, which was a distant second at 30 percent.”

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3: establish healthy expectations



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3: establish healthy expectations

1. Marriage was initiated by God - Matthew 19:5
2. Marriage should be honoured by all – Hebrews 13:4
3. Marriage has order – Ephesians 5
4. Marriage is temporal – Matthew 22:23-28
5. Marriage is a reflection of the eternal – Ephesians 5:32