



marriage connect

where relationships grow.



*Building
Healthy Relationships
& Thriving Marriages*

ONE WEEK CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

The Heart of the Matter... is a Matter of the Heart

OUR INTENSIVE WEEK APPROACH

We have found that fifteen hours in one week is the most effective marriage counseling approach. We seek to provide a safe environment that allows healing to take place and barriers to healthy relationships to be removed. With willingness to be honest and vulnerable, this week will change your life. You will experience true healing and leave with the practical skills and tools to build life-giving relationships.

For those who cannot schedule an intensive week, we offer other options.

It matters... to individuals, families, & society.

94% of marriages are not thriving.

97% of struggling couples are NOT seeking counsel.

The **3%** that DO often wait **6** years before reaching out.

OUR MISSION

Marriage Connect exists to enrich lives by equipping and empowering individuals to cultivate life-giving relationships.

We help struggling couples to reconnect, good marriages to become better, engaged couples to prepare for success, divorced individuals to recover, and individuals to find healing and freedom.

Your counseling sessions will help you to:

- Discover how your past is affecting the present
- Find healing for your brokenness
- Identify and resolve your issues
- Find freedom through forgiveness
- Gain a clearer understanding of God
- Walk in your true Identity in Christ
- Improve your communication
- Reconnect with your spouse

AN ARROW TO THE HEART

In the movie "Brave Heart" we witness William Wallace with an arrow in his chest. He breaks off the shaft and throws the feathered end away. Like Wallace, we all experience events that shoot emotional arrows into our hearts. Too often we just break off the shaft and throw the feathered end away, proceeding with life as usual. Everything seems fine until our old arrow gets wiggled, (most often by the ones we love) and our hearts are reminded of the excruciating pain that remains.

At Marriage Connect we believe that most relationship challenges are actually symptoms of deeper issues in each spouse. Issues like rejection, neglect, abandonment, abuse, and bitterness. We help individuals identify the roots of those issues and work to resolve them, assisting married couples in reconnecting and building a stronger foundation.

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"We just don't talk anymore!"

Couples seeking counseling usually want to improve their communication because they see it as their major problem. At Marriage Connect we help couples improve their communication skills and give them new tools.



"We don't spend time together anymore!"

Couples seeking counseling often feel they no longer have anything in common. At Marriage Connect we coach couples in strategies that will strengthen their marriage and build bonds that will keep them growing together as a couple.

Testimonies

"You helped me get my life with Christ back and I will never be able to thank you enough. Life is so different now."

"It is obvious that God has given you a gift."

"John compassionately loved us through this difficult journey and brought us through to a healthy place. We will never be able to repay what he's done for us!"

"I don't know where we would be today without your help. I know we would not be together. Thank You."

"Thank you for caring and not judging me. You took the time to understand and be a friend. I have been doing well since we met and I am so glad we had the time together."

"I am becoming whole, and have found the hope that my marriage will one day be whole. I appreciate the help John has provided in finding the way through the pain. He has been a voice of truth and encouragement. His willingness to hear God and follow His lead has set a good example for me, and his willingness to be "human" helps me to accept my own humanity."



John & Rita Zick

Two broken people met on a blind date and fell in love. They married in 1981. Through their own journey in discovering the intimacy of vulnerable relationship, they have found a passion to help others cultivate life-giving relationships. John is an ordained minister with over 22 years of pastoral ministry, marriage counseling and coaching, and training and development experience. Together he and Rita make a dynamic team.