

# 10 CONVERSATIONS

to have before you get married

## KIDS

- Do you want kids? How many?
- How do you want to discipline our kids?
- How do you imagine our kids being raised?
- What about your childhood do you want to recreate/avoid with our kids?

## SEX

- What is most important to you in creating a fulfilling, satisfying, sex life?
- What constitutes cheating? How will you handle infidelity?
- What are your sexual boundaries?
- Do you have a history of sexual abuse, victimization, or addiction I should be aware of?

## FINANCES

- How do you make financial decisions?
- Are you in debt? How much?
- What is your credit score?
- How will we budget our income?

## IN-LAWS

- What boundaries do we need to set with each family?
- What does it mean to you to leave our families and "cleave" (cling) to each other?
- Who will we spend the holidays with?

## FUTURE

- What are your future goals and bucket list items?
- When do you want to have kids?
- How do you picture our family life in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years?

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## CONFLICT

- How will we resolve conflicts? Can we leave the house, walk away, yell, etc.?
- What are your "hot buttons" that I should be careful to avoid?
- What offenses do you consider unforgivable?
- Is divorce an option in your mind?

## RELIGION

- What spiritual practices or traditions are most important to you?
- What are your expectations for my level of involvement in your/our religion?
- How will we raise our kids regarding religion?
- What are our spiritual roles, and what do each of those roles look like?

## ROLES

- What does it mean to be a husband? What does it mean to be a wife?
- How will you divide housework and other responsibilities?
- Do you expect one person to take on the bulk of cooking, providing, parenting?
- Will one person be the leader or decision maker of the family?

## VALUES

- What are your core values, and how do you picture us living them out?
- What values do you want to instill in our children?
- What does your list of priorities look like? Do I have permission to keep you accountable?
- How will we encourage each other to stay true to who we are?

## CHALLENGES

- What do you think will be our greatest obstacle to overcome as a couple?
- If I ever asked you to give up something important to you (a job, a friend, a nice house, a hobby, personal habits and comforts) for the survival of our marriage, would you?