

True love can last a lifetime, even when it's tough!

## When love is lacking I must...

### Remember the purpose of marriage

#### **Genesis 2:18 NLT**

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

#### **Philippians 2:2-4 CEV**

Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person. Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves

### Lean into my role

#### **Ephesians 5:21-26 NLT**

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

### Find a something to celebrate

#### **Philippians 4:8 NLT**

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

### Rely on the grace of God

#### **2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NIV**

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.