

Hey guys, I really and truly enjoyed meeting you in San Antonio! I'm so encouraged that we are on the same team and that God has gifted you to his people! I've wanted to pray for you—but I'm so bad at my prayer life! So I taped your names to the wall above my desk which reminds me to stop and pray—and to include you in those prayers. You have a big job. Whether that is proclaiming the Word publicly or holding a crying baby in the middle of the night or being patient and loving when everything in you wants to lash out. I want to encourage you with the words that God shared with Zerubbabel who had an incredibly tough job of bringing back Israelites to the ruins of their country and lead them to begin the rebuilding process. God encouraged him to remember the who, how and why any good thing happens!

“NOT by might NOR by power, but by MY SPIRIT, says the LORD of Armies.”
--Zechariah 4:6

As a follow up to our time together I give you this—the intent is to start or continue some conversations you began with each other in Texas. If you both think an area has some need or you give drastically different answers—that's a place to start. Each of you might work through these questions on your own and then compare your answers.

1. Take a look at the various areas of your life. Your work, relationships, children, finances, dreams, plans...which chair are you in when it comes to these different areas? (One chair is the Materialist chair, the way of the world, there is no God. And the other is the Christian chair, Jesus is alive and our trust is in him!)

2. Time as family? As a pastor I feel... I feel my husband is...

1	2	3	4	5
Church	(Perfect Balance)			Family

3. If there was one thing I want my husband/wife to understand it would be...

4. Romance? How would you rate the amount of romance in your relationship?

1	2	3	4	5
Romance what's that?				Wow, Mi Amor!

5. Love life? It is in marriage that sex becomes making love. How satisfied are you with your sex life? (This isn't rating your spouse. You are one. It's more like cooking, and always trying to find a way to improve your favorite recipe!)

1	2	3	4	5
Room for improvement				Totally Satisfied!

Why did you mark it that way?

"Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his!" Malachi 2:15

Beloved: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth...My lover is mine and I am his!

Lover: Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the maidens! You have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes!

--Solomon's Song of Songs