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SUNDAY:

A Strong Hope

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When we realize that we lack strength in dealing with difficulties or find out our spouse's voids when it comes to inner strength, we need a commitment to tap into God's grace.

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God is in the hope business.

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Fear Factor

If your life isn't what it should be, you must first turn to God, then to your spouse.

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Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and

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and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

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Philippians 4:6-7

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Fear-Filled Marriages

If you are focusing on your fears, it shouldn't come as a surprise if you lack confidence in God's ability to sustain and protect you.

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1 John 4:4

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

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High control is leveraging the strength of your personality or your position against the weaknesses of others in order to get them to meet your selfish agenda.

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2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

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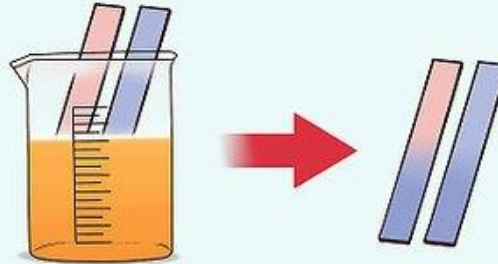
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God wants us to operate in an attitude of faith that makes it easier for us to trust him.

The Litmus Test

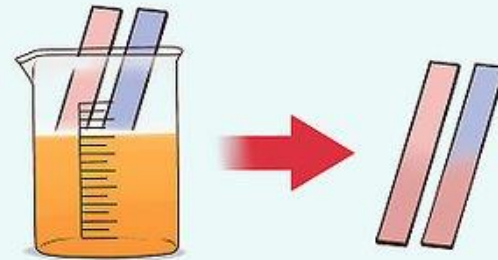
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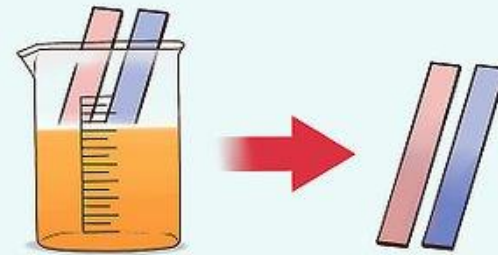
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wikiHow to Do a Litmus Test

The Litmus Test

- Are your hearts open or guarded?
- Do you see a change of plans as a crisis?
- Do you view the unknown as a risk or an opportunity?
- When you talk about your struggles do you voice words of confidence or intimidation?
- Do challenges bring out vitality or weakness?
- Do you take your cues from the Word of God, or from the latest cable news update?

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Marital love can only blossom and grow when it envisions a hopeful future.

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The goal of grace is always the other person... and their best interests.

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As a grace-filled spouse you cannot be willing to resign your mate to a mediocre relationship and guarantee that your spouse will make little to no contribution to life in general.

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Jude 1:24-25

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

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2 Corinthians 4:8-10

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

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Romans 8:38-39

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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When couples embrace this strong hope, it will free them to embrace their love for God and for their spouse.

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Help Your Spouse Embrace Their Gifts

When you wish upon a star

It's too late. That star is already dead...

Just like your dreams.

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Ephesians 2:10

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**You're either doubled or halved on
your wedding day.**

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**Grace-filled couples quadruple each
other's potential.**

Encourage Your Spouse Toward Great Accomplishments

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Encourage Your Spouse Toward Great Accomplishments

Isaiah 40:28-31

Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

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When we let the grace that overcame our own weaknesses redefine us, we become a grace-filled person committed to seeing our spouse turn their life into a series of positive accomplishments.

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1 Corinthians 15:58

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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1 Corinthians 15:58 The Message

With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

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With this sense of strong hope, grace-filled couples will be used by God to do mighty things.

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