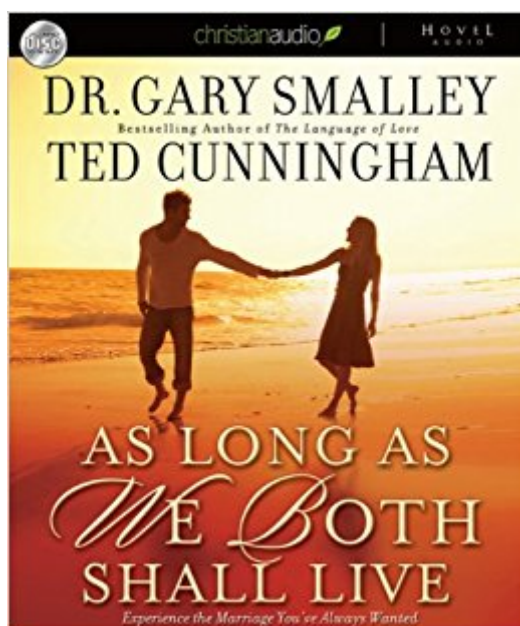


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# As Long As We Both Shall Live: Experience The Marriage You've Always Wanted



## Synopsis

Relationship expert Gary Smalley and his pastor and friend Ted Cunningham, show couples how to defuse the ticking time bomb of unrealistic expectations and arm their marriage with healthy communication and honest intimacy. *As Long as We Both Shall Live* will help couples acknowledge their unexpressed assumptions, understand one another's genuine needs and talk about their hopes and desires. Women and men will find the tools they need to build lasting and loving marriages.

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When you got married, you had a picture in your mind's eye of your life ahead. Maybe rose petals and candlelight every night of the week were a big feature in your imagination. Or you saw yourself standing with your spouse atop the world's tallest mountains, gazing into a limitless future. Or you envisioned welcoming baby number seven home to your sprawling mansion in the country. Whatever the picture was, it's probably safe to say that not all the details have worked out just the way you imagined. In marriage, undisclosed expectations can be dangerous when couples expect each other to be and act a certain way without communicating their assumptions, disappointment is just around the corner! Relationship expert Gary Smalley and Ted Cunningham, founder of Two Ignite, show you how to defuse the ticking time bomb of unrealistic expectations and deepen your relationship with honesty, empathy and respect. *As Long as We Both Shall Live* will help you and your spouse acknowledge your unexpressed assumptions, understand one another's genuine needs and talk openly about your hopes

and desires. As you use the tools found in each chapter, you'll build a lasting, loving marriage and dream up a new picture of your life together! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

GARY SMALLEY is president and founder of the Smalley Relationship Center, which presents conferences nationwide and provides resources for families and churches. Combined, his books have sold more than 6 million copies. *The Blessing and The Two Sides of Love* won the Gold Medallion Award for excellence in literature, and *The Language of Love* won the Angel Award for best contribution to family life. Gary has been a guest on numerous national TV shows, including *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Larry King Live* and *NBC's Today*. He is the coauthor, with Ted Cunningham, of *The Language of Sex and From Anger to Intimacy*. TED CUNNINGHAM is the founding pastor of Woodland Hills Community Church in Branson, Missouri. Woodland Hills was planted in 2002 and received a Purpose Driven Church Health Award in 2006. Ted is a speaker with the Smalley Relationship Center and coauthor of *The Language of Sex and From Anger to Intimacy* with Gary Smalley. He is a graduate of Liberty University and Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Amy, have two wonderful children, Corynn and Carson.

My daughter and her husband got married after only dating and knowing each other for 5 months. We weren't for the marriage and wanted them to wait, but they went ahead and got married. During the engagement time, they had a lot of fights and after they got married, it escalated. They both were supposed to be Christians, but they weren't walking it out. I sent this devotional to them and they started reading it and praying together. My husband and I had gone to several marriage seminars by Dr. Smalley and it helped us. He has great insight and walks what he says in his own marriage. It helped their marriage incredibly. Just the book itself isn't what did it, but the relationship that it represents with Jesus is what did it. It reminded them who they were in the Lord and refocused their attitudes and mind on Him, not what they did or didn't want. They're going on 3 years and seem to be doing well. They both even gave a new couple they knew who just got engaged, the advice to "go slow", LOL. I thought that was very interesting :) Jesus works!

The book asked you to review your expectations you brought to your marriage. Then your spouse would do the same. Next you would rate what you were receiving of those expectations. You and your spouse would discuss your answers, "boy" did it get real then.

I couldn't read it for a month as my wife took it.

Lots of biblical truth included here and presented from a real life perspective. Our marriage group is appreciating the study with meaningful discussion and application to our marriages. Highly recommended.

I have been married for 22 years and found out that it wasn't what I thought it was. I purchased this book to see if it could help and it has made a huge difference in how I take my marriage. I would recommend this to anyone.

This is a must have for any couple preparing for marriage or already married. My wife and I are reading this together now. Best part of the book is the evaluation list. You'll see when you get to it.

My small group did this study. I liked it. It was very eye opening way of looking at my marriage

As a fellow ecclesiastical leader, I was excited to see a book about marriage from a Christian perspective. The main focus of the book is managing expectations of relationships based upon what we've experienced, what we have picked up from media and what we dream our marriages can be. Both Pastors Small and Cunningham trade off throughout the writing so we get to see multiple perspectives on the advice. This book is steeped in Christian doctrine and theology (to the point that it sometimes drowned out the narrative of helping marriages.) If you are not a devout Christian this might not be the book for you.

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