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Husbands and wives who commune with God **together**, in all the same ways that they commune with God **separately**, have better intimacy in marriage and with God and more authority over evil than husbands and wives who do **not** commune with God together. Also, Christian couples who do not commune with God together **might be hypocritical**:

As a hypocrite contradicts him- / her-self by living according to different standards, so

Christian spouses who relate openly to God when alone yet not openly to God when with the spouse God created them to be one with are living a life of double standards

perhaps unknowingly, but nevertheless contradictorily. Understand how sad hypocrisy is:

Christian spouses who do not pray together lack **human intimacy** because prayer is deep communication; not praying together is like throwing away free tickets to intimate get-a-ways; foolish! Christian spouses who do not pray together lack **spiritual authority** and **victory**; agreement is how God answers prayer ⇒ Matthew 18:19. There is no better person to agree with in prayer than the only person God created you to be one with!

Some argue: “*We just worship differently*” or “*We’re not ready for that*” or “*Other spouses don’t pray together*”. As these excuses melt when we **become** Christians, so they melt when God calls us to **live** as Christians. 1 Samuel 2:10 ⇒ such arguing with God does not work so just admit the problem to Him and ask Him for help: “*God, why don’t I pray or worship with my spouse? What is the problem? Please change me and fix this!*”

Human relationship with God teaches marital intimacy. There is no marriage manual in the Bible because God teaches us love firsthand, calling us the Bride of Christ. Getting to know His Word the Bible, His voice the Holy Spirit, and talking with Him in prayer is how and when He answers such prayers requesting His help. God longs to relate **with us**.

1 Samuel 1 ⇒ is the account of Elkanah and Hannah. They loved God, Hannah could not get pregnant, and was tormented for years about it. Desperate, she went to the temple **by herself** to pray, promising God she would dedicate her child to Him. Encouraged, she went back to the temple the next day **with her husband** and they worshipped God **together**. When they went home, they had sexual intercourse and Hannah got pregnant for the first time. She gave birth to the prophet Samuel and dedicated him just as she said.

Although Elkanah was faithful to God and loved his wife Hannah, God did **not** let her conceive **until** we see them worshipping **together** ⇒ 1 Samuel 1:19-20. They had more sons and daughters, **after** we see them back in the temple **together** ⇒ 1 Samuel 2:20-21. Not surprisingly, this **intimate dwelling** was **the signature** of Samuel’s ministry. The Word of the Lord was rare in those days, and there were no open visions from God... **until Samuel** ⇒ 1 Samuel 3. Israel was blessed through a couple’s **spiritual togetherness**.

What blessing is waiting for you once you pray and worship... with your spouse? It’s the heart, not the routine. It’s a way of living, not a test to see if God answers or not. It’s being consistent in our Christianity, not hypocritically relating to God one way when we are alone and another way when we are with our spouse. Become **spiritually one** with your spouse: pray, worship and commune with God **with them**. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone