



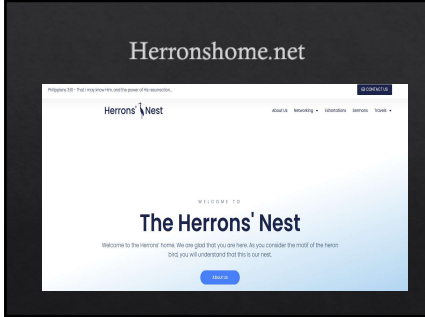
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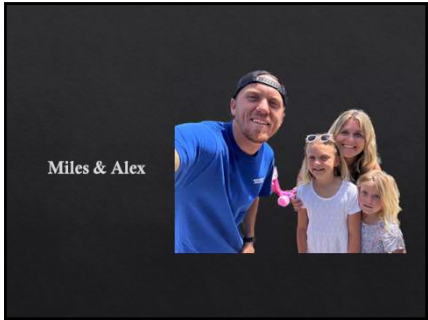
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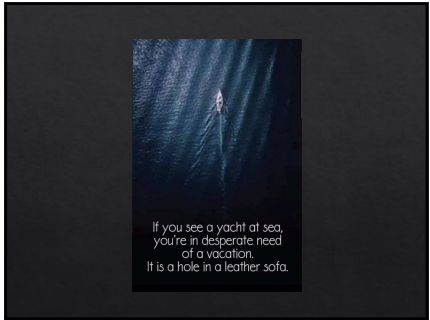
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"The conversion of a soul is a miracle in a moment; The manufacturing of a saint is the task of a lifetime."

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**GOD'S CONSTRUCTION ZONE**

Nobody Told Me It Would Be This Way  
1 Peter 3

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Building Years      Birthing Years  
Baffling Years      Blessed Years

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**Building Years**  
(Psalm 127:1-2)

- **Working in Vain** – "except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it" (vs. 1a).
- **Watching in Vain** – "except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (vs. 1b).

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**SEVEN WARNING LABELS**

- 1.Warning:** Another human being can't **meet** all your needs.
- 2.Warning:** The romantic level will not always be this **intense**.
- 3.Warning:** Your spouse can love you and still not have a **clue** about what you need.

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**SEVEN WARNING LABELS**

- 4.Warning:** Your spouse will not always **want** to work on your relationship.
- 5.Warning:** Marriage will not make you **whole**.
- 6.Warning:** Battle the **battle**, not each other.
- 7.Warning:** The only person any of us can change is **one's self**.

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**FIVE STAGES OF MARRIAGE**

- 1.The Honeymoon Stage – “I can change them!”
- 2.The Reality Stage – “I can’t change them!”
- 3.The Misery Stage – “I want out!”
- 4.The Acceptance Stage – “Lord, You change them!”
- 5.The Maturity Stage – “Lord, change me!”

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