**Writing Love Letters (based on tips from Song of Marriage)**

You can do it… it doesn’t have to be mushy, just from the heart! And we’ve made it even easier with this little kit.

**Rule Number One: Make it Positively Personal**

Anything put into writing can be read, saved and reread. The first rule for a love letter is to make it personal and positive. Love letters carry a message of worth from the writer to affirm the receiver. So, it is critical to make a list of the positive things about your spouse that you want to affirm. Avoid any criticism, ambivalent remarks. Let them go and focus on the positive.

**Rule Number Two: It’s About Them**

A personal love letter is a direct communication from you to your spouse. Share your feelings, don’t hide them. Make them feel special and loved.

**Rule Number Three: Start with a Special Endearment**

If you have a special name for your spouse, use it. Write a personal greeting, like:

 My most beautiful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your wife’s name)

 To the loving man I married

 You’re the best thing that happened to me

**Rule Number Four: Make it Specific and Meaningful**

With a little practice, writing a personal love letter can become a great habit! Make sure that the letter you write contains things that are specific and meaningful to your marriage, yourself and your spouse. For example, you may write a personal love letter on the birth of a child, an anniversary, special thanks for favors done, or for any reason that you can find.

**Rule Number Five: End with Love**

Avoid writing, “well, that’s about it.” Get creatively romantic. Use something that sums up your feelings and lets your spouse know that you continue to love them. Use endings like: Forever Yours, All my love, With love forever, I am so happy you are in my life, You mean the world to me. Then, sign your name!

**Rule Number Six: Make it Pretty**

We all love getting a special gift and the wrapping is often as important as what’s inside. Decorate you letter with a personal drawing like hearts or XOXO.

**Rule Number Seven: Special Delivery**

Make sure your personal love letter gets their attention. Use surprise. Mail you letter in a special envelope, like Priority Mail or through Special Delivery. Put the letter under their pillow, in her lingerie drawer, on his dinner plate or at the breakfast setting.

**Rule Number Eight: Do it Again and Again**

Trust and ongoing commitment rank high in marriage. Once is never enough!