

Sacred Marriage Conference:

Gary's Conference is usually divided into 4 sessions:

1. **Sacred Marriage** (about 50-55 min.)
2. **Sacred History** (about 60 min.)
3. **Sexual Saints** (about 60 min.)
4. **Extravagant Love** (about 50 min.)

First Session entitled: Sacred Marriage

Gary introduces the concept of being a “God centered” spouse as well as the idea that God designed marriage to make us holy even more than to make us happy. Gary Challenges marital expectations and tries to help us focus on changing ourselves through marriage instead of focusing on changing our spouse.

Second Session entitled: Sacred History

Here Gary looks at the meaning two people build together by persevering through the good and bad times. Gary connects this journey with God's relationship with Israel, and then he talks about some of the seasons of marriage that most couples pass through. This session usually hits people pretty hard (in a good way), as it demonstrates that profound meaning and power of two people walking in marital intimacy for life.

Third Session entitled: Sexual Saints

Here Gary deals with the spiritual aspect of physical intimacy. It is not a “how to” session in any sense; rather, Gary looks at the attitudes we bring into the bedroom and explores how God can use even the sexual relationship to help us grow spiritually.

Fourth Session entitled: Learning to Love

The theme of this final session is that marriage is about teaching us how to love. Rather than ask, “Am I happier today than I was yesterday?” Gary builds toward having people ask, “How can I love my spouse today like he/she has never been loved?” Gary points out how, biblically speaking, our ability to love sinful, imperfect people reflects on our spiritual integrity and maturity. He ends the seminar with an inspiring account of a woman who loved her husband in an extravagant way.

This is a typical breakdown which of course can be altered to fit specific needs and differing venues.