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“WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?” PAUL TRIPP’S MARRIAGE BOOK TACKLES UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS, CALLS COUPLES TO WORSHIP

In counseling hundreds of engaged couples, Paul David Tripp has found they rarely listen to his warnings of the inevitable difficulties of marriage. Instead, Tripp receives calls from married couples after the trance of romance has worn off—they’re ready to call it quits. Tripp expects the calls, and he’s happy to help tackle the unrealistic expectations that have assaulted their dreams of marital bliss. In his popular seminars, Paul Tripp has shared his biblically based marriage advice to thousands across the continent, and now his best marriage guidance is available in a new book entitled ***What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*** (Crossway, \$21.99, May 2010). He assures couples that their struggles can become a gateway to deep love and renewed romance.

“It happens to everyone,” Dr. Tripp writes. “It is the unavoidable reality of marriage. Somehow, somehow, every marriage becomes a struggle. Everyone’s marriage becomes something they didn’t intend it to be. Spending time together is radically different from living together. Reasons for attraction now become sources of irritation. At some point you need something sturdier than romance. You need something deeper than shared interests and mutual attraction.” Tripp suggests that both the problem and the solution can be summed up in one word: worship.

What Did You Expect? addresses the complex realities of living in a fallen world and being married to a sinner while reminding readers of the hopeful reality of God’s activity in human relationships. Tripp structures his book around six practical commitments that give shape to a marriage built on confession, forgiveness, and the worship of God. These six commitments include honestly facing sin, weakness, and failure; willingness to change, confess and forgive; and embodying Christ’s love for one another. The author’s deep insights extend the hope of grace-based marriage to every couple.

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Paul David Tripp is the president of Paul Tripp Ministries, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting the transforming power of Jesus Christ to everyday life. A graduate of Reformed Episcopal Seminary (M.Div.) and Westminster Theological Seminary (D.Min.), Paul Tripp is in demand as a conference speaker on the topics of marriage, parenting and pastoral leadership. Tripp serves on the pastoral staff at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he preaches Sunday evenings and leads the Ministry to Center City. Tripp is also a professor of pastoral life and care at Redeemer Seminary in Dallas, Texas, and the director of the Center for Pastoral Life and Care in Fort Worth, Texas. Tripp has written eleven books on Christian living including *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*; *War of Words*; *Broken Down House*; and *Whiter Than Snow*. He has been married for almost thirty years to Luella and they have four grown children. For more information and resources visit www.paultrippministries.org.

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