

**Suggested interview questions for
Paul David Tripp
Author of *What Did You Expect?***

*“A marriage of unity, understanding and love is not rooted in romance. It is rooted in worship.”
--Paul David Tripp*

- Your latest book is a marriage and relationship guide entitled *What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*. Is this book going to scare some engaged couples away from the altar?
- Does everyone enter marriage with unrealistic expectations – or is this mainly a problem for those who marry at a young age?
- Why do you think we enter marriage with unrealistic expectations? Shouldn't pre-marital counseling take care of this problem?
- You write about the principle of “prepared spontaneity.” What does this look like?
- I like the three wisdom perspectives you offer to help couples have realistic marriage expectations. Can you share those with our audience and explain how they help keep our expectations grounded?
- You write that “everyone’s marriage somehow, somehow, becomes a struggle – becomes something they didn’t intend it to be.” That seems like a pretty depressing statement. How can any marriage survive?
- You say that the war for our marriages is actually a war of worship. Explain why you believe worship is both the problem and the cure for marriage struggles.
- You encourage couples to pray, together and separately, because it pushes us in all the right directions. Can you demonstrate how this works by using the Lord’s Prayer as a model?
- What should a single person do or learn to help manage expectations of marriage in the future?

Guest: Paul David Tripp – pastor, speaker, author, professor, pastoral counselor
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