

Discover Your Marriage Purpose with Greg and Julie Gorman

Greg Gorman: Hey, welcome back! Are you ready to dig into session 7? Let's do it. In the seven habits of highly successful people, Steven Covey wrote this, "Begin with the end in mind." Now, several years ago, we were given an assignment, and that assignment was to record our 5-year vision. We were tasked to remember our future as we wanted it to be. You know what? Rather than us trying to explain it, let us just show you an example of the footage.

Julie Gorman: Here's our vision for the next 5 years.

GG: Alright! We are *highly* sought after, internationally recognized, best-selling authors and speakers who provide pathways to sustainable growth and life transformation.

JG: We enjoy friendship with other highly sought after thought leaders in both the business and faith realms.

GG: We have a total of 5 best-selling books that we've written for couples, parents and leaders.

JG: Our message is focused on living value-based principles that inspire growth and lasting change.

GG: We have a team that we've certified who partner with us to facilitate life change.

JG: We live near the beach and we coach high-level executives and leaders in our home.

GG: We inspire individuals and couples to live purpose-focused, not problem-focused.

JG: We enjoy close relationship with our kids who are grown and living *their* God-given purpose.

GG: We live with abundance, and we enjoy being able to bless others with it.

JG: And though it's hard to believe that it's humanly possible, we actually love one another even more than we do today.

GG: That *is* kind of hard to believe! We also have mastered the art and absolutely love speaking, writing, and working together.

JG: Thanks so much for letting us share our vision. We can't wait to hear yours.

GG: Now, it is really cool for us to watch that video today. We'll talk more about why that is here in a little while. But for now, I want to ask you, "As you begin with the end in mind, and as you prepare to remember your future, what do you want? What's your most perfect vision of marriage? Who are you? Where are you living? What are you doing?" Now if you feel a little stuck when we ask those questions, it's okay. Don't sweat it. In this session, we're going to

unpack a process to help you describe your ideal marriage vision, and then capture it on paper or, if you want to be one of the cool kids, on video.

JG: And we want to encourage you. Take a deep breath. Here's what's important about this, just simply to relax and lean in because your active participation to dream together is vital. After all, God, not bound by time or space, has already seen the promises that He's whispered to you in their full fulfillment. Dreaming is an important part of God's purpose. God already empowered and entrusted you with His vision, and when we take time to envision our ideal marriage and God's purpose for it, that vision fuels and inspires us to become all that He intended.

JG: Scripture says it this way in Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, "I know that everything God does will endure forever. Nothing will be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account." In other words, we can begin with the end in mind. We can remember our future, trusting that God's Spirit within us will lead us. God will establish His plans and His purposes in our life and our marriage when we simply align our life to follow after Him.

GG: That's good stuff. You know, Psalm 32:8 says it this way, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Man! Don't you love that encouragement? So, let's dive in and welcome His vision for our life. Now, our friend Ed DeCosta, who's a renowned, executive coach, shared this exercise with us. Imagine being handed a DVD, and on the label of this DVD reads highlights of your life with the date that's marked 5 years from today. What's on that DVD? For the purpose of discovering your marriage vision, take a moment to describe your future together. What does it look like? What is God's perfect vision for you and your spouse? What passions are you all sharing in common? How do you demonstrate love to one another? How's your health? How do your values align with that vision? How are your differences strengthening one another to fulfill that vision? If you're proud, what is it that you're proud of 5 years from today? If you've got kids, what's going on in their life, and how are they relating to you? Furthermore, what kind of income are you sharing? Where do you live? Who is it that you serve together?

GG: Now, you may want to rewind and listen to those questions one at a time and actually record your answers. What we want you to do is to add your own layers of detail of what life looks like if you're living your perfect marriage vision 5 years from now. What's different 5 years from today than what *is* today? Now, if you replayed our video, you'd notice that we stated, "We are...", not that, "We're going to...". This is the real power of vision. You're allowing your mind to fast forward in time, if you will, and feel what it feels like to enjoy your perfect life.

JG: Remember, this is not conjuring up or willing up some noble idea. Instead, it's under God's authority and in His most perfect vision for your life and for your marriage. What is it that *He* wants you to dream for and live into?

GG: Yeah, that's good stuff. So, envision your perfect vision. Feel what it feels like. Use your imagination and have fun! Dream big! Take your time and don't rush it. Just lean in, relax and have fun dreaming together.