

**Endorsements for *Joined by God: Unconventional Devotions for Christian Couples* by Shellie Arnold**

This seven-week tool provides provocative and practical applications to you as individuals and as a couple. Shellie's candor and insights help you examine the "whys" of your motivation as you seek to become a better "us" in your marriage! We highly recommend the investment for every couple seeking to grow closer in their love for one another.

~ Bill and Pam Mutz, FamilyLife Weekend to Remember speakers, married forty-seven years

Most of us head into marriage with our belongings, lofty dreams, unrealistic expectations—and all the baggage of our lives up until our wedding day. That can impact our marriages in ways we never anticipated. In *Joined by God: Unconventional Devotions for Christian Couples*, my sweet friend Shellie Arnold shares biblical wisdom, inspiration, and valuable tips to help us achieve stronger marriages and happier homes. I highly recommend this book.

~ Michelle Cox, wife of forty-nine years, bestselling author of *Hope That Endures: 40 Devotions of Encouragement for Difficult Times*, *Our Daily Biscuit: Devotions with a Drawl*, and the *When God Calls the Heart* series of devotional books

Shellie Arnold says it best: "To build a healthy marriage, we must start and end with God." Whether your marriage needs a fresh coat of paint or a new foundation, this book has just what you need to strengthen your marriage while cultivating your relationship with the ultimate marriage coach, the Heavenly Father. As Arnold says, "A thriving, healthy marriage depends on understanding God's character and how He loves, then duplicating those habits in marriage." A much-needed resource for couples!

~ Julie Lavender, wife of forty years, mom to four, mom-in-law to two, grand mommy to one, and author of *Children's Bible Stories for Bedtime* and *Strength for All Seasons: A Mom's Devotional of Powerful Verses and Prayers*.

Shellie's quick wit will draw you in to these unconventional devotions. In *Joined by God*, she delivers truths, sometimes hard ones, with genuineness and love, while offering encouragement and practical ways to grow in your marriage, and more importantly, in your relationship with God. This isn't a one-time-through kind of book, but one that couples should consider picking up and working through again and again. Thank you, Shellie, for offering such sage advice for married couples.

~ Edwina Perkins, wife of thirty-five years, co-director of the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference, managing editor for Harambee Press, manager for Sensitivity Between the Lines, freelancer for Guideposts

If you're looking for something to take your marriage to the next level, or heal past hurts, or solidify God's best for your marriage—you're holding it. Shellie shares tested truth straight from Scripture in a transparent manner. She promises and delivers hope and relationship principles, to take your marriage far beyond being okay or even healthy. Following these principles can truly help you and your mate flourish the way God intended.

~ Tina Hunt, wife of forty-five years, pastor, author

*Joined by God: Unconventional Devotions for Christian Couples* is not your typical devotional. This book is a combination devotional, workbook, and journal. Shellie Arnold bypasses clichés, providing content to chew and meditate on, whether you read this with your spouse or alone.

Warning: Do not read *Joined by God* unless you want to improve your own relationship with God *and* improve your marriage as a direct result!

~ Ava Pennington, wife of forty years, Bible study teacher, speaker, and author of *Reflections on the Names of God: 180 Devotions to Know God More Fully*

I'm not tossing out hyperbole when I say, *Joined by God* will transform the marriage of any couple who works through this devotional and heeds the biblical truths Shellie Arnold shares. Even if only one spouse embraces the content in Arnold's short, conversational style devotions, the change in perspective can lead to a transformed heart and a stronger marriage.

~ Jean Wilund, wife of thirty-eight years, author of *Embracing Joy: An 8-Week Transformational Bible Study of Habakkuk*