



GROWING YOUR MARRIAGE

**THE MARRIAGE ALMANAC
DECEMBER 2021**



A Tender Shoot by Kelly Keehner

On November 11, 2021 Don and I had the joy of welcoming into the world our very first grandbaby, a precious little girl named Annie! My heart is overwhelmed with love for her. I recently flew down to Louisiana to spend time with Caleb, Ashlee and sweet baby girl!

In the early morning hours, I had the privilege of holding and feeding her by the soft lights of the Christmas tree.



"HE GREW UP BEFORE HIM LIKE A TENDER SHOOT, AND LIKE A ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND"

ISAIAH 53:2 NIV

As I held her, and rocked her, I was filled with awe as I thought, “This is how my God, the Creator of the universe, came to me... as a helpless, little baby.” Annie can do absolutely nothing on her own. She can’t feed herself, change her diaper, or talk and tell us why she’s crying. She is completely dependent on Caleb and Ashlee to take care of her every need. They adore her with a pure love and a fierce protectiveness. She is their beloved child.

This is how our God came to earth. He was born as a vulnerable, defenseless baby. In Isaiah 53:2 it says that Jesus, “grew up...like a tender shoot”. Then in Philippians 2:6-7 (NLT) we read that, “Though He was God...He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position...and was born as a human being.”

This Christmas, take some time to reflect on the immense love that God has for you and your spouse. He loves you both so much that He was willing to humble Himself and come to earth as a defenseless baby to ultimately rescue you from your sin. You both belong to Him and He loves you with a pure love and a fierce protectiveness. You are His beloved children.

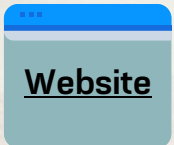
Merry Christmas! Love, Gigi



FARM TO TABLE MARRIAGE EXPERIENCE

Growing Your Marriage Leaders will facilitate you and your spouse through a unique and fun experiential "date night" that culminates at the table with delicious food and rich conversation. The Farm to Table Marriage Experience will provide an opportunity for connection, reflection, and growth.

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The G.Y.M. team is busy preparing for the upcoming season of TIME to Grow workshops. We can't wait to share new tools, strategies and encouragement for your marriage. We will also be welcoming some special guests who have interesting and inspirational marriage stories. **Please register now and plan to join us on February 1st.**

Until then, consider taking a bit of time with your spouse to create a few New Year's Resolutions For Your Marriage.

Here are some examples:

Schedule a regular date night.
Choose something to save for.
Go for a walk together once a week.

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