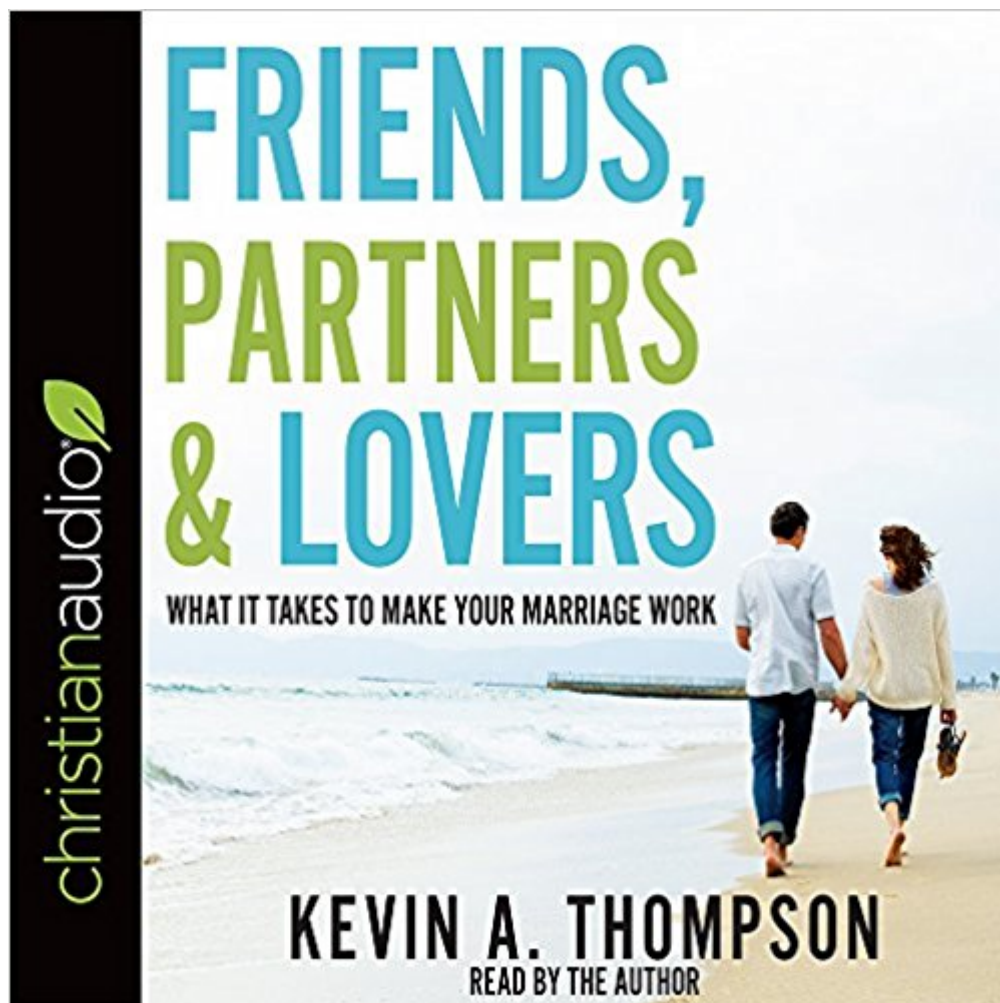




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# Friends, Partners, And Lovers: What It Takes To Make Your Marriage Work



## Synopsis

Great marriages don't just happen--they're made, intentionally, day by day. Yet most of us enter the covenant of marriage thinking that the role of spouse will be easy, natural, effortless. Rarely is this true. In fact, the number one cause of divorce isn't adultery or finances or disagreements. It's apathy--a lack of intentional emotional, physical, and mental investment in the relationship. With engaging stories and clear, simple language, pastor Kevin A. Thompson explains the three critical roles of a spouse--friend, partner, and lover--and shows how to nurture those roles in order to keep a marriage healthy and strong. Using solid biblical principles, he helps couples understand how to grow their friendship, be a supportive partner through the good times and the bad, and develop a healthy and satisfying sex life. *Friends, Partners, and Lovers* offers essential insight for couples at any stage of marriage but will be especially helpful to those who are struggling and those who are engaged or newly married and looking to start their marriage on strong footing.

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Great marriages don't just happen--they're made, intentionally, day by day. The number one cause of divorce isn't adultery or finances or disagreements. It's apathy--a lack of intentional emotional, physical, and mental investment in the relationship. It's forgetting that as a husband or wife you have three distinct roles: friend, partner, and lover. With engaging stories and clear, simple language, pastor Kevin A. Thompson shows how to live out those roles. Using solid biblical principles, he helps you and your spouse grow your friendship, be supportive partners through the

good times and the bad, and develop a healthy and satisfying sex life. Whether you are starry-eyed in love or struggling to make it work, this book will show you how to keep your marriage healthy, strong, and fulfilling. "A good marriage isn't fate, it's not always romantic, and it doesn't come with a soundtrack . . . but anyone can have it. Reading this book will help you get there!"--Rossi Morreale, TV personality "Whether you're looking to strengthen or rescue your marriage, this book can help you determine where and how to make concrete improvements."--J. Parker, Christian intimacy author and speaker; blogger at Hot, Holy & Humorous "In a world where we watch people meet, fight, and break up via social media, Kevin's grounded advice is refreshing."--Kristan Roland, blogger at Confessions of a Cookbook Queen Kevin A. Thompson is lead pastor at Community Bible Church, a growing multisite church with four locations in western Arkansas. Every year he meets with nearly one hundred couples with a range of needs, from premarital counseling to navigating the most serious betrayals. A marriage and parenting conference speaker, he lives with his wife, Jenny, and their two children in Arkansas. He blogs at [www.kevinathompson.com](http://www.kevinathompson.com). --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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I have followed Kevin's blogs for quite some time now, and I was happy that he assembled his advice into a book. I've read the first few chapters and I'm excited that it's every bit as good as the posts. Now, I don't actually run with Kevin, but I liken it to getting advice from my running partner. It's practical, it's Biblical, and while it doesn't lay a guilt trip, it doesn't let you off the hook, either. There are some sections that I read that I think "yeah, we've got that", but others that are convicting and remind me that I have work to do. The knowledge is profound, but in terms that us ordinary guys can appreciate and understand. I'm excited to share this book with my wife. Add this one to your marriage toolkit, guys. It won't disappoint.

In his new book, *Friends, Partners & Lovers*, author Kevin A. Thompson presents us with refreshing new ideas on how to improve our marriages. Kevin says there are three roles we play in our marriages, that of friends, partners and lovers. While each role is equally important we are usually

good at one or two of the roles but fall short on the other one or two. It's never too late to intentionally become our spouse's best friend, build a trustworthy partnership and increase marital intimacy. Whether newly married or a seasoned couple, this book will show you how through real life practical examples. Highly Recommended!

I have been following and posting Kevin Thompson's blog since he started the blog. I always share his blog on Facebook. I repost his blog hoping that at least one person will read and get his message. In following the blog I kept saying to myself and to others, he needs to write a book on marriage. Well that day has come and here I am writing a review. This book is just a great practical guide with a very nice pace to reading. Three sections that are all powerful. I can't imagine any couple not finding help and wisdom from FPL. Even if you have a great marriage you will find a few ah ha thoughts in here that will make your marriage stronger and healthier. Start a book club with your spouse and read this book you will be glad you did.

I ordered this book, and my husband and I are reading it together. So far we are through the first section, "Friends," and although it's only a third of the way through the book, I ordered 4 more for some people I love. It's never too late (or too early) to get your relationship on a good track, and it seems like this book is a very good tool to get started on that. Easy to read and well written.

I have been following Kevin's blog for the last year, and love his insight, I know his book would be great I have already ordered another copy to give away, Kevin writes as if he is sitting in your living room and helping you with your marriage issues, I highly recommend this book for all stages of marriages

Filled with Great advice except for the ungodly view of equal partners. Very dangerous philosophy that lets a man avoid his accountability and responsibility to God. God says that He is the head of Christ, Christ is the head of the man, the man is the head of the woman. The man serves by leading and being ultimately responsible for the marriage. Other than the politically correct and socially damaging idea of equal partners, I found many great insights, truths and help for any marriage.

The advice is genuine and God-centered. Thank you for writing a wonderful book.

Kevin is my favorite blogger. Read his book You Turn, now this one. It does not disappoint. Whether

you are a newlywed, engaged, in a relationship, or married 28 years like my husband and me, it is relevant and helpful. Christian based principles that apply across demographics. Have purchased one for each of my adult daughters and several friends. Great read!

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