



## Love After Marriage Update...

Dear All,

Following the success of Love After Marriage we wanted to keep you up to date with our plans as we move forward.

Firstly, we have 9 couples signed up so far for LAM 2, which begins shortly... ***Please let us know if you are interested in joining us.*** We have not done LAM 2 either, so we'll explore it together!

Secondly, we will be hosting what is called a '3.5 Day Intensive' during the Easter Holidays from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April 2015. This will be run by Andy & Yvonne Hall who are the LAM UK Directors. It covers the majority of the LAM 1 material and as the title indicates is intense! Should you have a desire to do the Intensive please go to [www.loveaftermarriage.org.uk](http://www.loveaftermarriage.org.uk) or contact us. The cost of the course is £180. This includes the course, the workbook and refreshments, but does not include meals and accommodation. All couples wanting to do the course will need to complete an Application Pack, which can be found on the LAM UK website or by contacting ourselves. There are a limited number of spaces, so please book soon!

Lastly, we plan to run LAM 1 again following on from the 3.5 Intensive and this is open for all to apply (dates to be confirmed). Please contact us if you are interested in this and we will keep you informed as plans move forward.

We know that the Lord wants ALL of our marriages to flourish and be those that reflect His desire for marriage and family, so would encourage you, as we write, to make sure you continue to invest time, energy & resources into your marriage. Let's partner together to encourage one another, support one another and help others in going after God's best!

*If you have not heard about Love After Marriage or want to know more see below for more information or visit [www.loveaftermarriage.org](http://www.loveaftermarriage.org)*

Blessings

**Peter & Sarah**

Peter & Sarah Taylor



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We have an exciting opportunity to offer a marriage course like no other, which we ourselves have had the privilege of doing. It is called Love After Marriage (LAM) ([www.loveaftermarriage.org](http://www.loveaftermarriage.org)) and is the result of a dream The Lord put on the hearts of Barry & Lori Byrnes who are part of Bethel Church, Redding California. The course is not so much pastoral in nature, but rather apostolic meaning that it is about creating a culture where marriages thrive. We believe God is wanting for there to be a revival of relationships meaning relationships, including marriages, which reflect Heaven's heart and model for them.

The strap line for LAM is 'Nothing Hidden' and this reflects the heart and vision of the course to be a place where we are vulnerable with our spouse and vulnerable with others. Along with such vulnerability comes expectations of trust and confidentiality within the context of LAM. The choice to be vulnerable is down to individuals, but there is an expectation that those applying for and participating in LAM have a core desire to live vulnerably. It is not necessarily about bringing up every issue in your marriage, but more importantly about being led by Holy Spirit as to what to address. Our own experience is that the more vulnerable we have been the greater breakthrough and freedom we have got in our marriage!

LAM1 is an 18 session course, with the option of doing LAM2, which consists of 12 sessions.

We realise that for many this is quite a commitment, but it is meant to be. Many of us make the time to commit to other things and yet our marriages are the most important relationships we have with another person, but so often we don't take the time to commit to working on and developing this vital relationship or we only make the commitment and take the time when we've hit a crisis!

Our desire is that this course will help us to have marriages that are healthy and flourishing in an ongoing way. We believe that it will cause husbands and wives to grow closer as well as relationships within Immanuel Community to go deeper too as couples journey with and support one another.

Our own experience has been that LAM is not just for young couples or newly-weds and in fact most of the couples that were on our course had been married for 30+ years!

We would encourage you to think and pray as a couple as to whether this is something you would like to be a part of. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of LAM and come to a taster session next time we run one.