

RICHARD MARKS, PHD



Dr. Richard Marks, or “Rick” and Louella have been married for over 32 years and have three wonderful adult children. Rick and Louella come from broken and divorced homes and this experience shaped their lives and adults and sadly, negatively affected their marriage in the early years. However, because of the strong love and commitment to each other and their faith in Christ, they sought to overturn a generational curse of brokenness and divorce and pass on a different legacy to their children. Much of what they teach comes not from academics but also their journey in life. Louella was a homemaker and homeschool mom.

Dr. Marks earned a PhD in Psychology and Counseling, a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy and an M.A. in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to being a Licensed Professional Counselor, he is also an ordained minister. Dr. Marks was a Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy for over 25 years and a 12 year U.S. Navy veteran. Dr. Marks has served in various capacities from senior manager at private psychiatric hospitals, graduate school professor, pastor of the family ministries of a 28,000 member church, and most recently, a Special Assistant of Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiatives for the Governor of the State of Kansas.

Dr. Marks is the author of Relationships for Life. In addition he is the founder of a 22 hour intensive marriage education program for distressed marriages called HOPE Weekends.

Dr. Marks served as a Commissioner on the Florida Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives from 2003-2007. Dr. Marks has been a keynote and conference speaker in conferences such as Smartmarriages, AACC, North American Conference for Divorced and Separated Catholics, and Association of Marriage and Family Ministries. He conducts marriage and single adult retreats, men’s retreats, family seminars around the country as well as seminars on leadership and relationship skills in the workplace. He written articles for local publications in the Jacksonville, Florida area and has been on national and local radio and television shows such as the 700 Club.