



## A<sup>bout</sup> – Happy Husbands

B<sup>est Verse</sup> – Ecclesiastes 9:9, “Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love...” I’m thinking this is the most delightful command in all of God’s Word. 37½ years it’s been my joy to obey it. Friend, drain it for all it’s worth. But mind you, it is not an easy charge. It is qualified as something to persistently pursue “all the days of this meaningless life...for this is your lot in life and your toilsome labor...” You have a *curse* and an *enemy* and the *world* with which to contend. You must count prepare your mind for inevitable distractions, disasters and defeat. Hold into the promise, “All things *will* work together for good” because *you* love the Lord and *you* are called for his good purpose.<sup>Ro8:28</sup> And even though she will always be the best thing God gives you, she is broken with foibles of her own. And she is a sinner. You must love her as the Savior has loved you.<sup>Eph5:21-32;Jn13:34</sup> The most difficult reality with which you must cope will be your own brokenness and your tendency to be a lawbreaker. Inevitably, you won’t be able to give her the life you’re sure she deserves. But here’s the promise. Enjoying life with your wife will be the best of all lives. Then when you are soon and finally Home, it is your best chance to hear your Savior say, “Well done!”

C<sup>ommitment</sup> – Author of Love, I rely on you and pursue you for knowing and living the best possible life with my wife! You indwell me to first love her as you love me.

*A particular word for Luke—son of a dear friend—who will soon wed his wife.*