



It Was the Best Of Times

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” That line by Charles Dickens opens one of the truly great novels of English literature. I think the reason that opening line is regarded as profound is simply because it realizes that life is usually not all good, or all bad. Life is usually an amazing mixture of the good, the bad, the ugly and the beautiful.

Marriage is like that, too. We think we are marrying the person of our dreams, and we generally do. But nightmares are dreams, too. Just kidding—but seriously, we soon find out that there are things we adore about our spouse, and there are things that tend to drive us crazy.

In my opinion, the key to survival is to celebrate what you adore, and tolerate those idiosyncrasies which rub us the wrong way. Understanding that life is a blend helps us navigate dangerous currents in our marital relationships.

This is Pastor Stephen Chitty. Remember—*Life Matters*, and so do you!