Tomorrow our country honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man who dared to dream. Just as King’s dream led to a better life for millions of Americans, matrimonial dreaming can lead to better marriages for millions as well. Sharing your dreams together will not guarantee they will come to pass; but not sharing them will almost certainly assure you that they won’t come to fruition. So invite your spouse on a Dream Date and see what happens!

Inviting Your Spouse on a Dream Date

If you’re wondering how to have a Dream Date, try this:

1. **Reflect together.** Spend the beginning of your date looking back on 2014. Break out the cell phone, camera, or other device containing the captured moments of the previous year. Make a top 10 list of highlights from last year. This list may include big things like a memorable vacation, or small things like a walk in the neighborhood when you really connected.

2. **Dream together.** What are your dreams? Write them down. They may take years to realize, or they may be out of the realm of possibility, but if you don’t write them down, they almost certainly won’t happen.

3. **Plan intentionally.** Get out your calendars and plan some 2015 highlights. These could include family trips, weekend getaways for the two of you, or a “stay-cation” to knock out projects around the house. Take into account schedules, budgets, and other factors, and plan these things in advance.

4. **Show grace.** When you plan something far in advance, there will be times when it won’t happen. Money issues, work schedules, and family emergencies can sometimes derail the best laid plans. So be graceful to one another if something doesn’t come to pass.

5. **Plan for next year.** Commit to having a Dream Date at the beginning of each year, and see how your marriage improves!

*There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.* (Proverbs 23:18)

**Mark Your Calendars**

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