



roadtrippin'

1. fill the tank
2. download tunes
possible mixtape
<http://bit.ly/roadtripluv>
3. clear my mind
4. grab the map - ★
5. lip balm - oh yeah - ★
6. grab the keys
7. grab my Honey! - ★
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the
great
Date experience

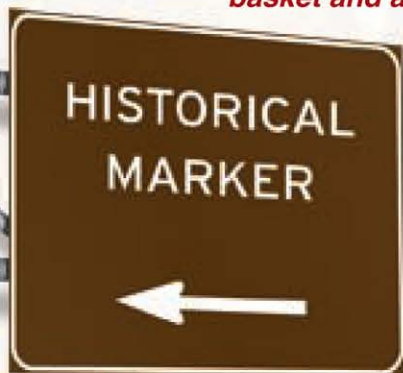


Choose your favorite drive-thru window, drive-in dive, or sit-down diner to share a meal with your spouse. On your way there, chew on these questions:

If you could hit the road with your favorite band or musical artist, who would it be?

What's your favorite driving song: "On the Road Again," "Life is a Highway," "I Can't Drive 55," "Ramblin' Man," or "Pink Cadillac"?

My favorite way to travel is: an open convertible on an open road, first class airline upgrade all the way, an outbound train with a good book, or a bicycle with a basket and a bell attached?



Historical Markers point out important landmarks along our road trip. Each of you was shaped by your family of origin before you ever decided to join forces and become a family of your own. During your meal together, answer the following questions about what and who shaped you into the person you are today.

- *What was the best road trip your family ever took together when you were young?*
- *What was the wackiest tourist attraction you've ever visited?*
- *Who was your hero as a kid?*
- *What was the absolute best thing your parents modeled when it came to marriage?*
- *What was the biggest adjustment you made after you left home?*

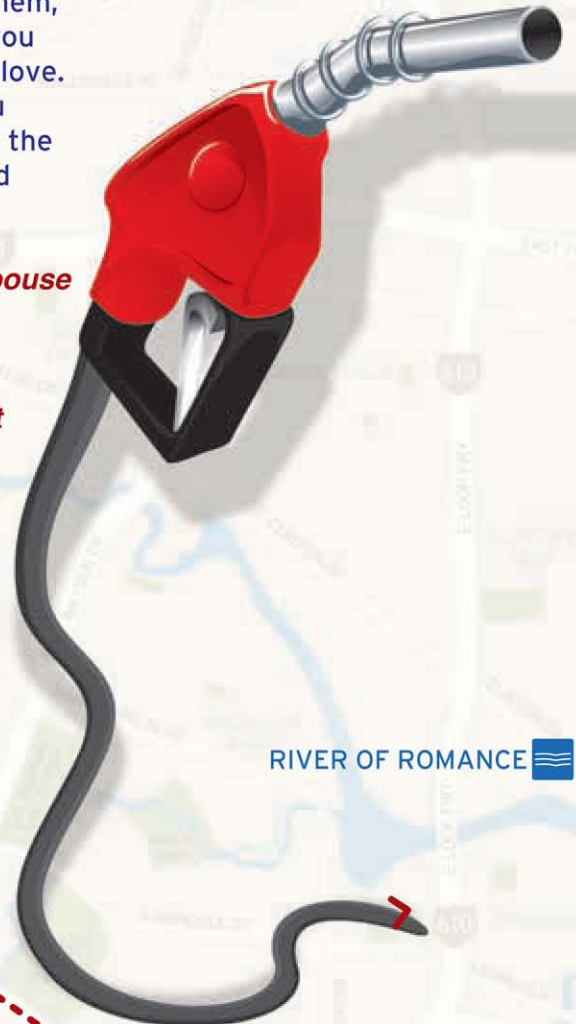


On every good road trip, someone is documenting the journey along the way, taking pictures, and making memories you can look back on and reminisce. Stop and take a photo right now of the two of you on your Great Date. Save it as your wallpaper on your phone. Or if you really want to go old school road trippin' print it out and put it in a frame!

Go to facebook.com/AllInMarriage to join this date and post the photo. This will encourage others to create their own Great Date Experience!

You can't get anywhere on a road trip if you don't stop frequently to fill up your gas tank! In marriage, life can throw some unexpected detours our way. So before we address them, let's stop and fill up the tank of the one you love with words of life, appreciation, and love. Answer the following questions while you drive to your favorite place to park. Over the next few road signs, you'll be talking...and anything else you're inspired to do!

- *What one word best described your spouse the very first time you saw them?*
- *What physically attracted you to your spouse?*
- *What are the three best qualities about your spouse today?*
- *What still gets your engine running when you think about your spouse?*
- *What is an example of your spouse's wisdom?*
 - *What is an example of your spouse's courage?*





Detours normally happen when roads become construction zones. They're needed to fix and repair cracked roadways. Often times in our own lives, God uses detours to strengthen the foundations of our marriage. Answer the following fill-in-the-blanks:

One of the most challenging times in our marriage was _____.

I was so proud of the way you _____.

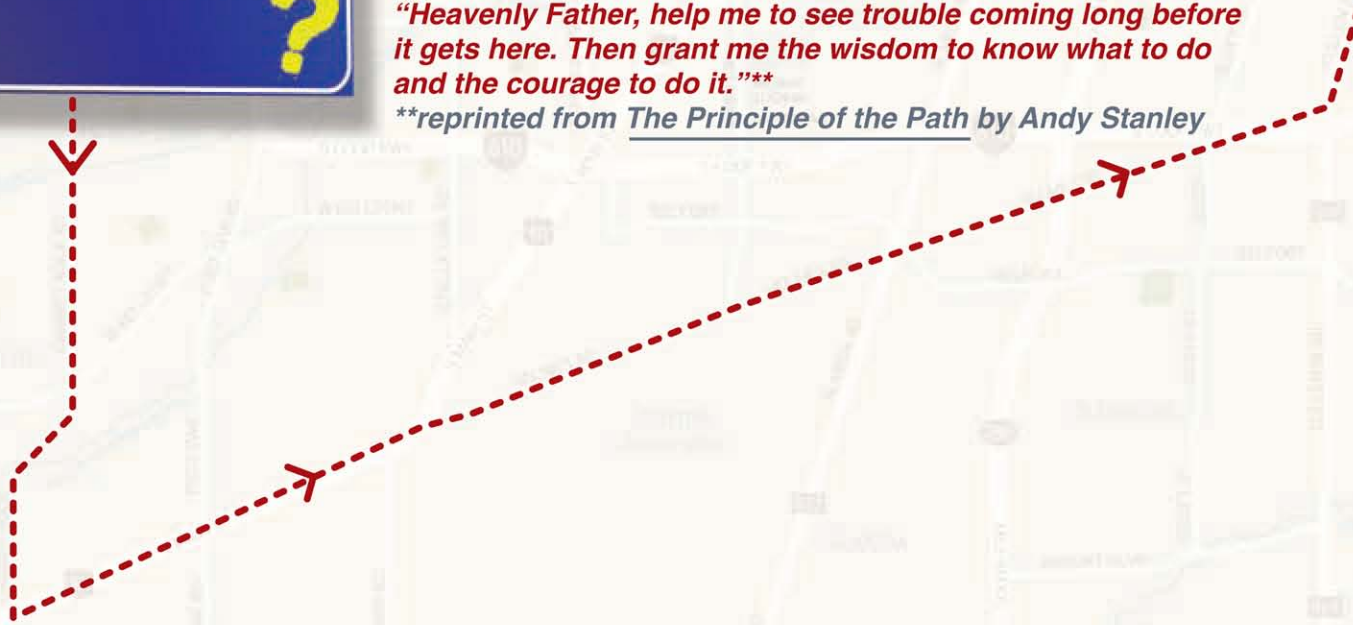
The most helpful thing I learned during that time was _____.



After you've finished the detour, spend a few moments at the Rest Area before motoring on home. Proverbs 27:12 says, "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." Remember, the choices you make today will have ramifications down the road. Spend a moment in prayer together at your Rest Area and recite this simple but effective prayer:

"Heavenly Father, help me to see trouble coming long before it gets here. Then grant me the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it."**

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Now that your Detour has placed you back on the road trip of your life, it might be a good time to look at the Directions. Directions are everything. Directions drive destinations.** Take a few minutes to talk about the direction you thought your life would take when you were a child. Compare those thoughts to where you thought life had you headed when you were first married.

At the end of your road trip lies the destination. Your choices along the way will take you there. Spend the last part of your Great Date discussing where you both want the trip to end.

In order for us to finish our road trip together, I need to _____.

You are really great at _____ when it comes to making decisions.

If we could rearrange the globe, I would move _____ right next door to us so we could run over there every day!

When we are old and gray, we will still be _____, just like we are now!

