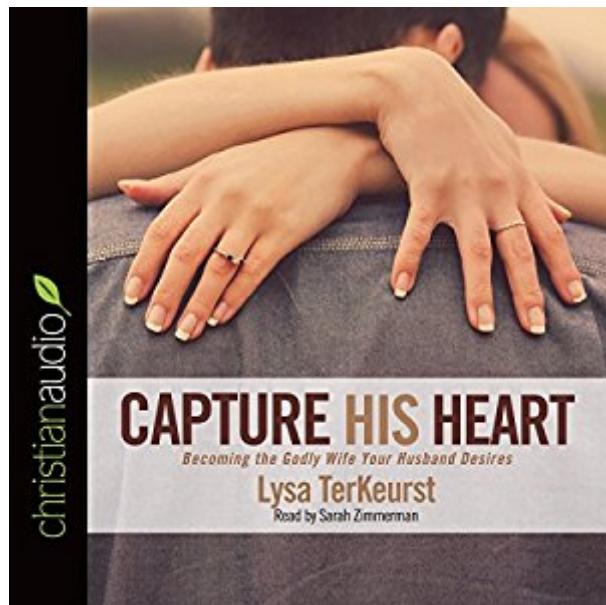


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# Capture His Heart: Becoming The Godly Wife Your Husband Desires



## **Synopsis**

A truly fulfilling marriage involves two people focusing on each other's needs rather than their own. Lysa TerKeurst, president of The Proverbs 31 Ministry, has written a practical guide for all spouses that will open their eyes to the needs, desires, and longings of the others. She offers eight essential criteria for capturing the heart of your spouse, with creative tips on how to accomplish them. Having a great marriage takes time, creativity, and willingness. Capture His Heart and Capture Her Heart are excellent tools to help spouses run this very worthwhile race. Husbands need their wives to:

Support them spiritually  
Encourage them emotionally  
Enjoy them sexually  
Appreciate them vocationally  
Engage them intellectually  
Connect with them relationally  
Affirm them physically  
Stand by them permanently

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## **Customer Reviews**

I dont even know where I got this book.... maybe a in my christmas stocking from my mom one year? I found it on my bookshelf while my husband and I were having a hard time and read a chapter a day. It quickly became one of my fav's. It is very practical and I use the concepts all the time. I try to do something every day to meet one of my husbands needs, and it has definatly blessed us both.

I'm only halfway through this book but I'm already very frustrated. It seems as though the advise given here is only for stay at home wives and mothers. Both my husband and I work, but the advice

I'm being given is to make sure that the house is clean and dinner is cooked and that I don't nag him about money because he has it hard enough being the provider? This isn't helpful. The author states things like "It's hard for your husband to go out and deal with angry customers and bosses who don't have anything good to say so try to make those moments when he walks in the door good moments." But my situation is the opposite - when I come home from angry customers and bosses who never say it's good enough, he's home, feet propped up on my coffee table and beer bottles with cradled between his legs on my couch playing video games while a trail of clothing leads to the bathroom. Am I supposed to answer with "Sorry dinner's not quite ready, do you want to have sex while the oven preheats?" This book seems to only give helpful advice if you're already at home, not dealing with the same things your husband is. I'm going to keep reading but I'm already so frustrated!

Over the past few years, I've read several books that focused on relationships for premarital counseling and just out of curiosity so I was pretty excited when this book was given to me to read. I really like to dig into these types of books to see where I'm doing well and to see where I can improve on things so that I can do better. What I really liked about this book was the fact that it left you at the end of each chapter with an action point to try out to improve your own marriage. It was great to have advice on how to put some of these suggestions into practice. This little book was short and to the point so someone looking to really dig into these issues or who is having significant issues that they're trying to overcome might not find it as helpful as someone just looking to improve might. Most of the chapters in this book were only three to five pages so if you're looking for something deep on each of the issues, this probably isn't the book for you. It does give a great starting point to skim through various issues so that you can figure out which one you need to deal with more. I would recommend this for someone wanting to start figuring out how to improve their relationship with their husband but it might not give someone wanting to really dig into the subject enough to go on.

This short but insightful book was a quick read but it absolutely revolutionized the way I see marriage. I shared some of the insights with my husband and he said, "she's right!" It's also a good easy summer bible study to do with married friends.

This little book selects eight areas where a wife can interact with her husband to achieve a happier marriage. All eight areas may not apply to everyone, but they certainly provide a good starting point

for strengthening any marriage. The author gives a few examples and suggestions, but leaves most of the applications up to the reader. According to TerKeurst, the avenues where a godly wife can encourage and stimulate her husband are spiritually, emotionally, sexually, vocationally, intellectually, relationally, physically and permanently. I hadn't really thought about some of these and have benefitted from her insights into how they provide the security and support every husband, indeed every human being needs.

I really liked this book. It's what people might consider an old fashioned way of living and looking at this. But I personally don't believe God(His word) ever change or go out of style. This is definitely a faith based book but I think even those that don't necessarily agree with the spiritual parts can still learn from and appreciate this book. If you love him and want to learn ways to show him, this will help. I'm always looking for ways to improve my marriage. This is small, short, and simple lil book but very insightful. Highly recommend.

This book starts and ends well...however, the middle is a bunch of secular advice. Lysa quotes more books that she's read than scripture and she sometimes takes scripture out of context. In one chapter she teaches manipulation by saying we should seduce our husbands to get them to do what we want....which is you know, BAD. In a following chapter she says that manipulation is going to wear you out and not work so she contradicts herself. I don't think she realizes that seduction to get what you want is manipulation. So, I do not recommend this book. We are definitely going to throw this book in the trash or burn it so no one else reads it.

I do think that any Christian woman sincerely looking to honor God by staying in a "difficult" marriage, will benefit from reading this and intentionally changing course where needed, with the Great help of our Great Helper. It's true: God is sovereign and we can trust Him to change us and our husbands. It takes time and a walk with Christ that is intentional. Don't be put off by some of the parts that could be interpreted as making you feel even more hopeless because your marriage seems so impossibly far from such sweet happiness. I've been there. I do believe, now, that those parts are there to impart to us that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. Set your sights high, cling to God, and step out into what the author encourages. You may need to tweek it a bit to fit your specific personalities, but don't hold back. I promise I won't! Here's to our marriages, sistahs!

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