



A FREE FALL DATE FOR TWO

FIRESIDE CHATS

A cozy conversation guide for couples this fall.



“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:9, NIV

PULL UP A CHAIR

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

There is something about a fire that makes it easier to be vulnerable and more open.

The light is low and the pace feels relaxing and slow. Nobody is rushing anywhere. It is one of the few places where two people can simply sit, and talk, and be cozy and warm together.

So this fall, build the fire. Pull up two chairs and a blanket. Leave your phones inside. And use these questions to find your way back to each other.

A FEW SIMPLE RULES

- 1 Take turns.** Ask, then listen all the way to the end before you respond.
- 2 No fixing.** Some answers just want to be heard, not solved.
- 3 Follow the sparks.** If a question opens something up, stay there. You do not have to get through them all.

There are no wrong answers here. Just the two of you, the fire, and hopefully some emotional and physical warmth.

THE CONVERSATION

ROUNDS ONE & TWO

ROUND 1 **KINDLING**

Get the fire going.

- What is your favorite thing about fall?
- What is a small thing I did this week that made you feel loved?
- If we had one perfect fall Saturday together, how would we spend it?
- What is a comfort food or fall tradition you loved growing up?

ROUND 2 **THE WARMTH**

Say the good things out loud.

- What is something about our life right now that you are thankful for and don't say out loud enough?
- When do you feel closest to me?
- What is one way you have seen me grow since we got married?
- Where have you seen God's kindness to us this year?

THE CONVERSATION

ROUNDS THREE & FOUR

ROUND 3 EMBERS

Where the deeper glow is.

- What is something you have been carrying lately that you would like me to understand?
- Is there anything between us that has caused our sparks to go out and needs tending?
- What do you need more of from me in this season?
- When was a time you felt truly known by me?

ROUND 4 REKINDLING

What could catch next.

- What is one thing you would love for us to do before this year ends?
- What is an area of growth you would like for us by this time next year?
- If we could start one new tradition together, what would it be?
- What is a prayer you have for our marriage right now?



However far you get tonight, you did the most important thing. You turned toward each other in an effort to keep the fire going.

“A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:12, NIV

The two of you, and the One who holds you both.

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