

**The following is a description of a new conference on relationships by Roger and Brenda Daum based on the Old Testament Book of Ruth.**

### **NEEDS? WE ALL HAVE THEM**

Every living person has 4 basic needs they try to meet in a variety of ways. If these needs aren't met through a meaningful relationship with God and healthy relationships it results in emptiness. What are these needs? How can you, and your spouse or family members thrive as these needs are met?

The Daum's illustrate from an Old Testament love story found in the book of Ruth, how Jesus Christ can meet these needs in our lives, our marriages, families, and church family, and how we can join Him to help meet these needs.

**Session 1 – “Decisions that Impact Our Future”** – People can make poor decisions that adversely affect them and their family resulting in rejection, insecurity, a loss of identity and purpose. How can we get back to a place of experiencing God's blessing in life and relationships, including our marriage?

**Session 2 – “Our Need for Acceptance and Security”** – People often go into marriage expecting marriage will be like a beautifully decorated box **full** of love, romance, and blessing, but are disappointed to discover the box is **empty**. What they get out of the box will depend on what is put into the box. What are two relationship needs we all have? Where and in whom can we find these needs? How can we join the Lord Jesus in meeting these needs in our loved one's life?

**Session 3 – “Our Need for Identity”** – People search for identity and meaning in life. When Satan deceived mankind in the Garden of Eden, he pulled off the greatest identity theft in history. This session illustrates through a love story in the book of Ruth how we can discover a new identity through Jesus Christ that frees us from the shame of our past, so we do not need to let shame adversely affect our relationships.

**Session 4 – “Finding Our Identity in Jesus Christ”** – Through marriage, Ruth received a new identity that changed the course of her life. How can we find a new identity that frees us from the guilt and shame of our past and enables us to experience the transformation of our lives, our marriage and family relationships?

**Session 5 – “Discovering God's Purpose for Our Life and Marriage”** – To discover our purpose we must begin with our designer. What is our designer's purpose for us and for our marriage? What is marriage to be a picture of? What divine secret is God seeking to reveal through marriage? How does an understanding of this amazing truth encourage us to live out God's purpose for our marriage, so it positively impacts our family and the community around us?