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The five love languages are Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. We all have a primary love language, meaning we're more likely to feel loved when our loved ones do one of these to or for us.

Marriage is about communication. We can deal with anything if we are open and speaking the right language. If my husband knows what makes me feel loved, meaning he speaks my love language, and we have no secrets, chances are he'll be able to deal with anything that comes his way. Is that making sense?

TONY

Yes, it is.

MRS. JOHNSON

I'm going to give you guys a brief description of what the five love languages are, then allow you guys to open up.

Melody and Tony nod their heads.

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Words of Affirmation is verbal compliments, or words of appreciation. Quality Time is giving somebody your undivided attention. Receiving Gifts is giving somebody gifts to show them how much you care about them. Acts of Service is doing things for somebody because you know they appreciate it, like cooking for your wife when you know she is too tired, or her getting certain things done in the house because it keeps you happy. And Physical Touch --

(Laughing)

We all are familiar with that one. Touching somebody the right way to show affection. Something as simple as holding hands or a meaningful hug after a long day at work. It is our job to know what our spouse's primary love language is.

So, Melody, please tell Tony why you think he doesn't love you anymore.

MELODY

(Pause)

I feel that Tony loves his job more than he does me. We used to go to places together, hold hands, and just spend days talking and enjoying one another. I can't remember the last time when we were together that he wasn't talking about the job or working on something that had to do with the job.

MRS. JOHNSON

What do you have to say about that, Tony?

TONY

Mrs. Johnson, I didn't know about these love languages. I thought I was doing great by buying her flowers and gifts and letting her know how beautiful she is. I spent time with her, but I now realize that I wasn't giving her quality time. I was speaking the wrong language.

MRS. JOHNSON

That's good. You were able to identify her love language.

MELODY

With me, it is hard for me to just take your words. I've been called hurtful words by somebody, then that same person would turn around and tell me how much they loved me. So, if you really want to show me you love me, spend time with me. You can't take your time back.

TONY

That's the thing. My wife has a lot of hurts and won't open up to me.

MRS. JOHNSON

That's definitely a quick ticket to divorce. Communication is so important on so many levels. You each have to speak the other's love language to make them feel loved, but you also have to communicate in life. Everything has to be a partnership, or better yet, done as one.

The Bible says when two people are joined, they become one. Therefore, it can't just be Tony who goes out of his way to make you happy. You have to do the same. To survive any marriage, there has to be openness. You should be able to talk to your mate about anything. After all, that is your best friend.