

A PREMARITAL PASTORAL CONVERSATION –
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There is probably no history; only biography.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

. . . the narrative metaphor proposes that persons live their lives by stories - that these stories are shaping of life, and that they have real, not imagined effects - and that these stories provide the structure of life.

Michael White

Our prevailing narratives provide the vocabulary that sets our realities. Our destinies are opened and closed in terms of the stories that we construct to understand our experiences.

Harry Goolishian

Every time we ask a question, we're generating a possible version of a life.

David Epston

There are some questions that linger in the minds of clients for weeks, months, and occasionally years, and continue to have an effect.

Karl Tomm

But it is illusory to believe that a man and a woman are two separate people who come together to form a more perfect union. They are simply scapegoats sent out by their families to reproduce their kind.

Carl A. Whitaker

Marriage is the only war where you sleep with the enemy.

C.M. Ward

Unhappiness in marriage is not planned; for some, it comes naturally.

Campion

When I got married I was looking for an ideal, but I married an ordeal, and now I want a new deal.

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