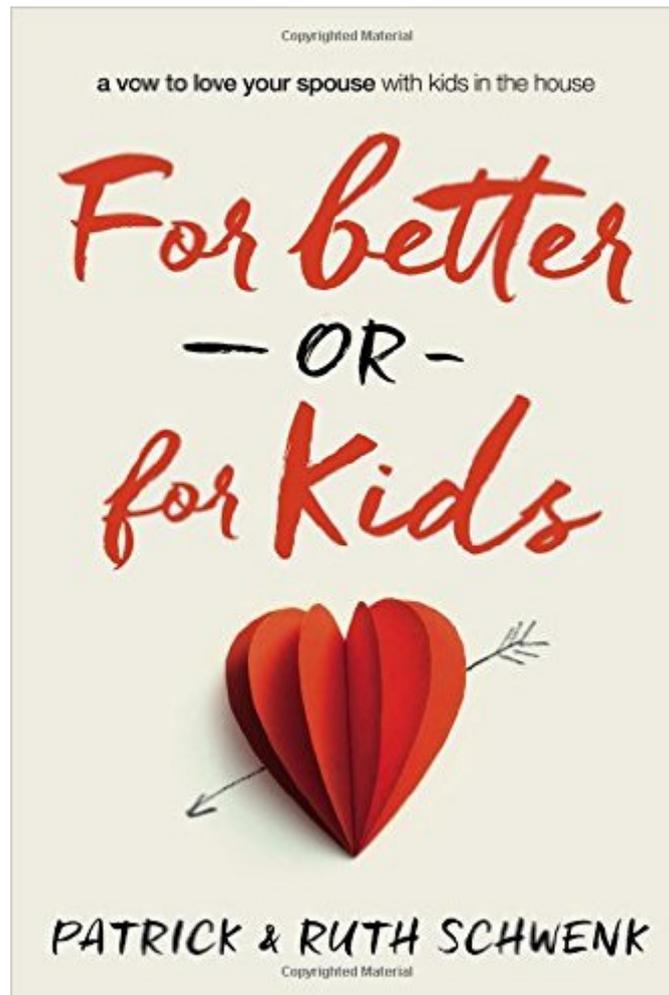


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# For Better Or For Kids: A Vow To Love Your Spouse With Kids In The House



## Synopsis

The transition from "married" to "married with children" can be tough. Before they know it, a once youthful and energetic married couple finds themselves in a minivan loaded with noisy kids and littered with Cheerios, crusty Sippy cups, banana peels, and missing library books. As much as you love your children and work hard to nurture and train them for the future, the challenges that come with parenthood can make the "for better or for worse" promise a hard one to honor. For Better or For Kids will enable couples to:

- Build a God-centered marriage instead of a Child-centered or Me-centered marriage
- Avoid the dangers of spouse-neglect and self-neglect
- Effectively communicate in the chaos
- Explore ways to parent together as one team
- Find balance in the busyness

For Better or For Kids is about remembering that even when you feel worn out, over-extended, and neglected, you promised to be a team. Marriage with kids may not always be what we expected, but it is good. We need to make a vow to love our spouse with kids in the house.

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If you're married and you've got kids, then you'll probably want to read this book! Authors Patrick and Ruth Schwenk have written a book that is for all those busy, harried, exhausted, child-centric couples who have forgotten to take time for themselves, who are missing a spark from their marriages, and who desperately want to get it back! This is a book that, as the tagline says, is "a vow to love your spouse with kids in the house". It's all about embracing the chaos! You've got to work together, parent together, and find the time together to focus on just the two of you. Life will get hard. Life will get busy. But you will live through it! It's nothing that you can't handle TOGETHER. As

a new mom, my husband and I have very baby-centered lives, and I think that's the way it should be for right now. But as our daughter gets older, this book will be kept in a prominent place on my bookshelf as a resource and reminder to not get so caught up in the craziness of multiple schedules, financial strain, work, and whatever else comes our way. We have to remember to take time for just the two of us. I didn't always love the way the book was set up. You've got two people writing together and switching perspectives multiple times throughout each chapter. So as you're reading, you'll see "I (Patrick) did this..." and then "I (Rachel) was very upset that..." And I just wish there was a better way to denote who was talking or have them both "talk" together. But with discussion questions throughout the book for you and your spouse to go over together, I think this book would be a great choice for a couples Bible study! Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher through the BookLook Bloggers [...

I enjoyed every chapter of this book! Patrick and Ruth seem to address every challenge busy parents face when trying to communicate and nurture their relationship. I loved how they shared real-life experiences I could relate to and understand. They cover exhaustion, sharing responsibilities, finances, parenting as a team, overpacked schedules, parenting fears, communication and intimacy. They give Biblical, practical advice to meet these challenges. Marriage: It's Not What we Expect, But it is Good Marriage with Children: A Mess with a Mission The Missing Vow: Love Your Spouse with Kids in the House Fanning the Flames: Sex with Your Spouse with Kids in the House Parenting Together, Not Separately Grace for Those Not-So-Perfect Moments Time, Rest, and Rhythm: Making our Days Count Dealing with Busyness When You're Running on Empty Communicating in the Chaos Taking the Fight out of Finances A Test of Your Togetherness: When Life Gets Really Hard You Will Live through This! Each chapter ends with a questions for couples to discuss, called Just the Two of Us. "One of the greatest gifts we can give our kids is a healthy, loving, and God-honoring marriage. It's easy to let our exhausting schedules deplete the effort we should be putting into our marriages. But this book helps you evaluate your schedule and relationship. As a marriage relationship progresses and time goes by, the temptation to stop pursuing our spouse is likely to set in. When kids come along, it is easy to stop trying. Don't stop pursuing each other!

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