# Idea Card

# DID YOU KNOW?

### **Best Use**

A date night discussion guide for husbands and wives to encourage and build each other up with words of affirmation.

# **Advance Preparation**

- Schedule a dinner or coffee date. This can also be a date night at home after putting kids to bed.
- Each spouse should spend a few minutes writing down their own responses to the "Did You Know" statements on the reverse side.
- **Optional:** Write your affirmations on a card that you can give to your spouse as a keepsake.

## **During the Date**

Take turns reading your answers to the statements aloud.

#### Did You Know...

- A character quality I admire in you is...
   (i.e., patience, diligence, sincerity, kindness, honesty, humility)
- I appreciate the simple ways you serve me by...
   (i.e., sacrificing hobbies, helping with the children, making coffee in the morning, working to provide, managing the household)
- Something I love about you is...
   (i.e., how you play with the children, your thoughtfulness, your sense of humor, how you care for others, your passion for life)
- 4. One way I've seen you grow closer to God is... (i.e., your self-discipline, your compassion for others, how you pray, taking us to church, your desire to read the Bible, your selflessness)
- 5. I feel most refreshed by you when... (i.e., you rub my shoulders, we go shopping together, we kiss, you wink at me)

**Optional:** Come up with your own "Did You Know" statements.

## Going Further

Read these verses together and discuss the blessings of encouraging each other...

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
  - "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up." (Encouraging words will build up my spouse)
- "...he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

  (Refreshing my spouse refreshes me)
- Hebrews 3:13
  - "But encourage one another daily...so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

    (Intentionally affirming my spouse keeps our hearts soft)