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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. You take a unique approach in the book, each writing from your own perspective. Why did you decide to do that and what impact do you expect it to have for readers?

2. Why focus on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as tools to strengthen marriages?

3. Was writing your own story difficult?

4. How is prayer an important part of who you are as a couple?