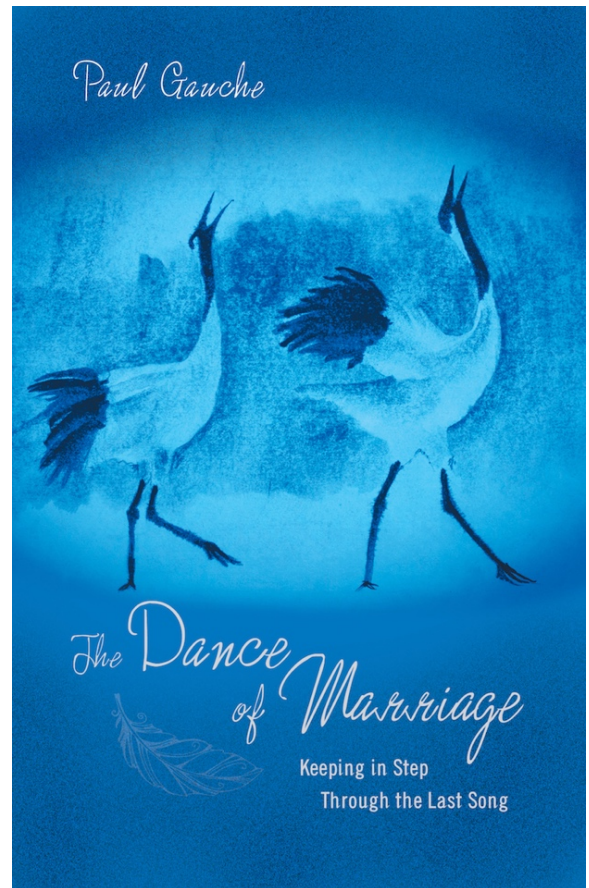


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THE DANCE OF MARRIAGE

KEEPING IN STEP THROUGH THE LAST SONG

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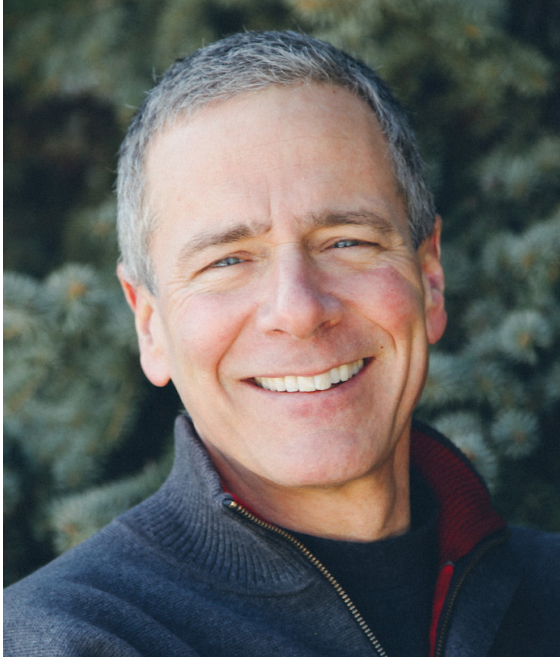
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“Over thirty years ago, I was blessed to be a part of the seminary community that watched and cheered when Paul and Nancy Lee ‘fell in like’ and then in love, and then were married. Paul’s book, *The Dance of Marriage*, is a fitting tribute to the journey of Nancy Lee and Paul, as well as to so many other journeys like theirs. Marriage is both gift and challenge, with spouses learning to dance with each other, and in the best of all relationships, with God as well. *The Dance of Marriage* invites us to consider how we are invited to risk, to pray, to trust, to share, to weep, to commit, to love, and to know joy and peace as God blesses and encourages us to reveal Christ to one another through the gift, and the dance, of marriage.”

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—**Phil and Debbie Waite, Logan, UT**

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Paul Gauche, author of

The Dance of Marriage

Keeping in Step Through the Last Song

Q: How is this book different from other books about marriage?

A: While certainly not the only voice introducing real stories of real couples in real marriages, the unique quality of *The Dance of Marriage* is that no other book on the market identifies this kind of structure—architecture with the subsequent movements from the beginning of relationships leading to a lifetime of marriage.

Q: Who is this book written for, and why would it be relevant?

This book is primarily for married couples who want to see their marriage today in the broader context of a lifelong commitment. For example, going back and recalling how you met, how trust grew into commitment, and how love emerged over a lifetime of experience together is a very bonding experience.

Q: Is this only relevant to a faith-based audience?

A: This is a story rooted in the gospel of John and simply yet powerfully tells a story of something ordinary becoming extraordinary. Because these ancient scriptures continue to speak into our culture today, there is something of value here for anyone in any kind of relationship.

Q: The story of Jesus turning water into wine is key in your book. What is the connection between this story, from John 2, and your message about marriage?

A: The ancient words and wisdom from the gospel of John reveals several key movements: Jesus was invited to a marriage, which is much different than a wedding; a crisis arose into which Jesus' mother spoke powerful words—"Do whatever he tells you." Jesus turned water into wine—a powerful reminder that Christ turns the ordinary into the extraordinary in our lives.

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Q: What does water becoming wine have to do with making a marriage work?

A: Water becoming wine is a powerful metaphor for marriages. Something ordinary becomes extraordinary, something plain becomes exceptional. Something common becomes uncommon, and something routine becomes remarkable. These are all ways of acknowledging that in relationships, there is always room for growth. But growth always comes from some hard work. So making a marriage work implies that a couple tends to it, studies it, invests in it, manages it, works at it. That process—however you describe it—is the work that transforms something into something stronger, bigger, better, more expansive.

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