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## LOOK AT YOUR HANDS

Take a good look at your hands. Did you do it? Don't just read on.

I'll get back to your hands in a moment.

In the middle of one of the most beautiful love stories ever told, a couple began planning their wedding. As I counseled them, they laughed and discussed their plans to live happily ever after. With family traveling from all over the continent to come and share in that special day, they began to have tip toe anticipation of the "Wedding Day".

Everyone showed up on time, the venue was dashing with class. The family's stood together to celebrate this union. There were poems read, and the wife was serenaded by the groom's friend with a love song.

As the couple gazed in each other's eyes, the officiant asked them to stop from looking and gazing in each other's eyes but turn and look down at each other's hands. My wife and I who are Pastors thought it to be interesting, the minister said you will look in each other's eyes and what you see will change over time. Your emotions will change, your looks will change. You will see how insignificant the gaze was on your wedding day. But it will be what you do with your hands that will route the destiny that awaits you.

It's amazing how the energy in a place can shift in a moment. When the bride and groom turned their attention from each other's eyes to their hands it was as if the pastor had transported them from a fairytale to a drama. And then the pastor explained as follows.

You decided to spend the rest of your life together because of your **FEELINGS**. But the rest of your life together will be decided by your **ACTIONS**.

"Take a good look at your hands," the pastor requested of them. "Because it's what you **DO** in the years ahead that will determine what you **SEE** in each other's eyes."

In other words, what you see is **NOT** what you get. What you **DO** is what you will see.

We all want to gaze into our spouse's eyes and feel the depth of their love. But in the long term, those looks are not because we met Mr. or Mrs. Right; it's because we did **RIGHT** and because we earned the right over time to see that love in each other's eyes.

I share my love story with you, my wife and I have continued to watch each other in our actions, which has made the gazing easy over the years. I encourage you to take a moment to put action to your marriage and see the results in the eyes of your spouse.

Remember this.....Every Love Story is Beautiful, but mines is my favorite....Dr. J, The Counselor....