Our vision is to raise the bar for marriage in the church, community and our city.

This is the personal Vision and Mission for Teresa and I which we use to direct us in deciding the programs for the Marriage Ministry program at FAC.

- **The mission**
  To improve the health of marriages, by **strengthening the relationship of couples**, through the delivery of Christian based Marriage Education programs, and Relationship Skills workshops.
- **The vision**
  As couples participate in these programs, allowing **Jesus to be the center of their marriage,** we will begin to see a change within the culture of our church and community including;
  A reduction in child abuse, domestic violence and poverty.
  An improvement in each couple's physical, emotional, spiritual and mental health.
  A decline in the divorce/marriage ratio.

As the Marriage Ministry Team leader we would say to the congregation;
It is our belief that great marriages never happen by accident, but thrive with a vision of Christ at their center, intentional effort and the right tools. God will provide the vision, you initiate the effort and your Marriage Ministry will give you the tools.

Care & Resources – our current ministries.

- Marriage Preparation
  - The Marriage Preparation Course
  - Money Management Workshop
- Marriage Enrichment Opportunities
  - Grow Your Marriage (GYM) Studies
  - First5
  - The Marriage Course
  - Dynamic Marriage
  - Marriage 911 God's Way

Going forward… I have a dream…

- Becoming the display case for the Kingdom of Christ by moving our attitude from a "hospital" (reactive) approach to a (proactive) Fitness Center mindset.
  - Relationship Fitness Centre
  - Marriage Education (ME)
    - Re-launch of Grow Your Marriage (GYM) Studies
    - Offering Life Innovations (Prepare Enrich) / Couples check-up (Valentines Day)
    - Relationship & Life Skills workshops
      - Money Management – current (& Adult Education)
        - One-on-one (First5)
      - Conflict Resolution
      - Communication
      - Intimacy
- Marriage Enrichment Opportunities
  - Hosted Date Nights (Quarterly)
    - Child Care
  - Marriage Conference at FAC
    - A Marriage Vision retreat
  - After First5 (6-16 years married)
  - After55

- Additional links onto the www.faccalgary.com/couples website
  - Pray for our Marriage
    - Pray partners needed
  - Monthly Ministry Matters newsletter

    - Suggested Reading List
    - Marriage Ministry Service Opportunities
- Beyond Marriage Ministry & FAC
    - 8 week study based on the book: How to Avoid Falling in Love with a Jerk by John VanEpp
    - Forming a network of Marriage Ministry Leaders from other Calgary churches
- Get the word out
    - Updating of FAC website & other social media outlets by FAC
    - Facebook: YYC Marriage
- Keeping our own marriages in check
    - The Art of Marriage Study