In 2014, Francis and Lisa Chan penned a delightful book entitled *You and Me Forever.* The Chans have made every effort to make the book, as well as the accompanying videos and discussion questions, available freely through their website: [youandmeforever.org](http://www.youandmeforever.org/).

Please read Aaron Armstrong's summary of the main ideas that the Chans present on his page [Blogging Theologically](http://www.bloggingtheologically.com/2014/10/21/you-and-me-forever/).

One of the key assertions of the book is that "...most marriage problems are not marriage problems. They are God problems."

As God moves missionary marriages along the pathway of calling into new cultural contexts and new realities of life, often what is met along that pathway are new challenges, new stressors, and new problems.

A choice arises...

We can blame our problems on new "stresses" from the new context and seek out ways to weather the challenges and "survive" the hard times, we can simply surrender and give up, or we can leverage what is happening in us and with us to accelerate spiritual growth in newly exposed areas of "God problems" that have, in actuality, been present in our lives all along.

Is a marriage problem that you are now experiencing in the midst of your cross-cultural ministry actually a "God problem" that has surfaced through the symptom of a problem in your marriage? Will you blame it on your new context or allow God to use that symptom to help you go to the heart of your real problem?

**Assignment**

1. Read Aaron Armstrong's blog post.
2. Reflect and pray upon the words of challenge for missionary marriages written above.
3. Click on "Submit work" below and share with your facilitator as much as you feel comfortable.