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What people really want to know
about their relationships

In August, USA Today profiled military families who are feeling a great deal of additional stress with war-time deployment. The article highlighted the work of PREP for Strong Bonds and included interviews with families who had benefitted from using PREP prior to deployment or during the reunion period.

Link to the article: http://www.usatoday.com/news/military/2009-08-03-broken-families_N.htm

In December, USA Today profiled Dr. Scott Stanley's work with married couples in a cover story of the Life section, "With this nagging doubt, I thee wed." Dr. Stanley's findings regarding co-habiting couples provided valuable insight into why couples have begun to view marriage as a trial union and not a permanent one.

Link to the article: http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-12-01-marriagedoubts_CV_N.htm

The online version of the December article spawned nearly 500 comments from readers interested in the topic. The high response rate seems to indicate that people are interested, listening, and, in many cases, in sore need of trustworthy information about marriage and relationships.

In response to this public need, Dr. Stanley and PREP Inc., have embraced online conversations about relationships. For example, Dr. Stanley has begun to make himself and his research even more accessible to the public through webinars. Viewers can log on and submit questions ranging from "should I expect my husband to tell me what happened on their boys-night-out?" to "do you have tips for rekindling the spark after years of marriage?" Scott Stanley then provides his responses in real time for viewers. Link to the webinars: http://community.twoofus.org/_Empty-Nest/BLOG/1763207/55557.html

Dr. Scott Stanley has been busy offering couples time-tested and well-researched strategies to successfully manage their romantic partnerships for over 30 years. While it is well understood that technology can sometimes complicate relationships, Dr. Stanley and PREP are always looking for meaningful ways to impart relationship research and skills.