

A dark wood desk with a blue pen and a glass. The pen is blue with gold accents, lying diagonally in the bottom left. A glass is partially visible in the top right corner. The text is centered on the desk surface.

1FACET

Foundations Applied Conversation
and Education Tool

FACET is

- Based on 16 years of research and writing for newly married couples
- 30 years of working with engaged couples
- 25 years of facilitating premarital inventories

A wooden desk with a white notepad, a pen, and a brass fastener. The notepad is the central focus, with a list of 13 categories written on it. A pen is visible in the bottom left corner, and a brass fastener is in the top right corner.

- 174 statements in 13 categories

- Family of origin
- Roles in Marriage
- Budget/Finance
- Values
- Habits
- Work/Family Issues
- Friends/Leisure
- Sexuality/Intimacy
- Commitment
- Communication
- Parenting
- Faith/Religion/Spirituality
- Catholic Section

Subsections for each category:

I know/understand-to assess information

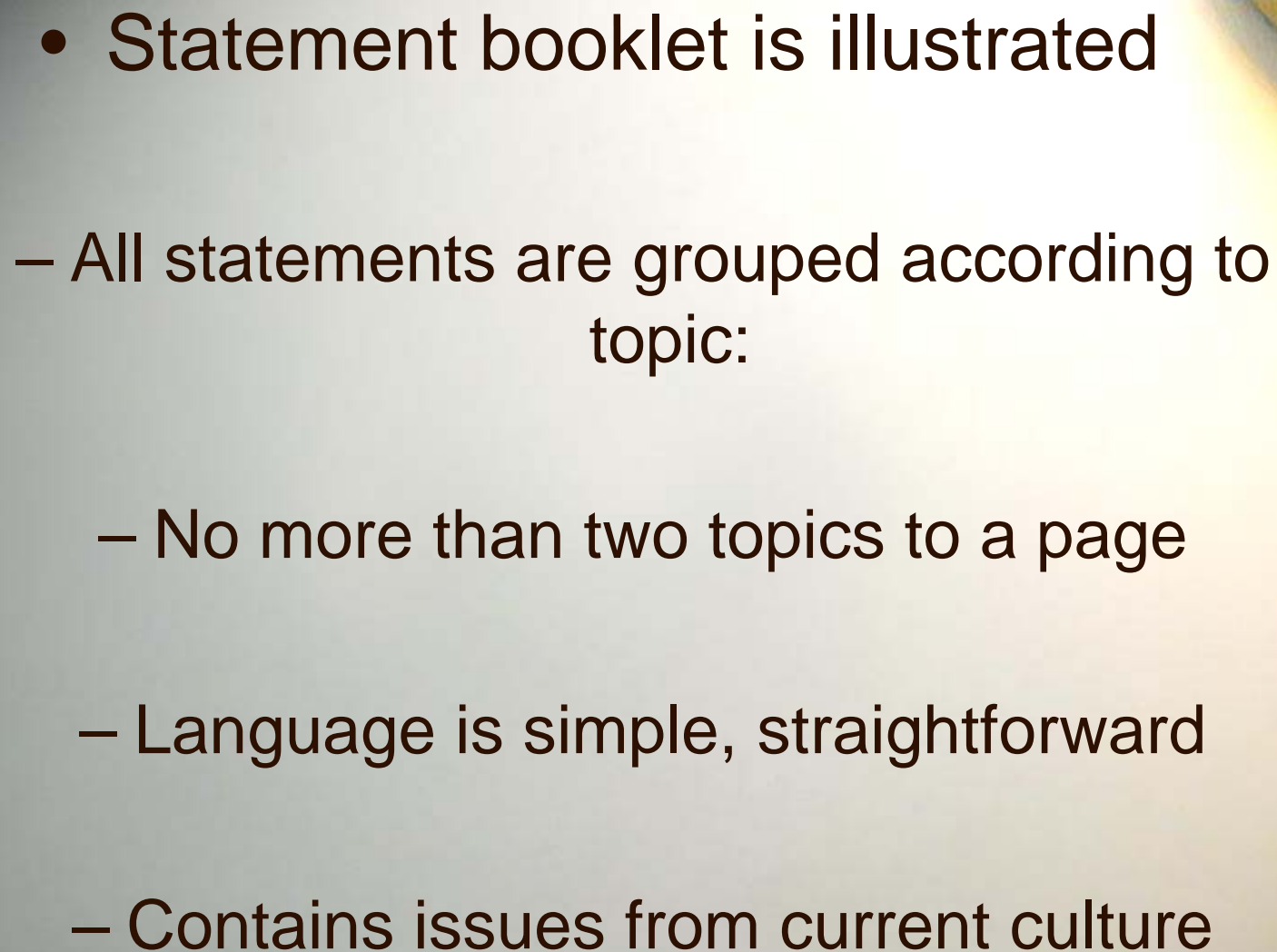
I believe - to explore values, beliefs, and assumptions

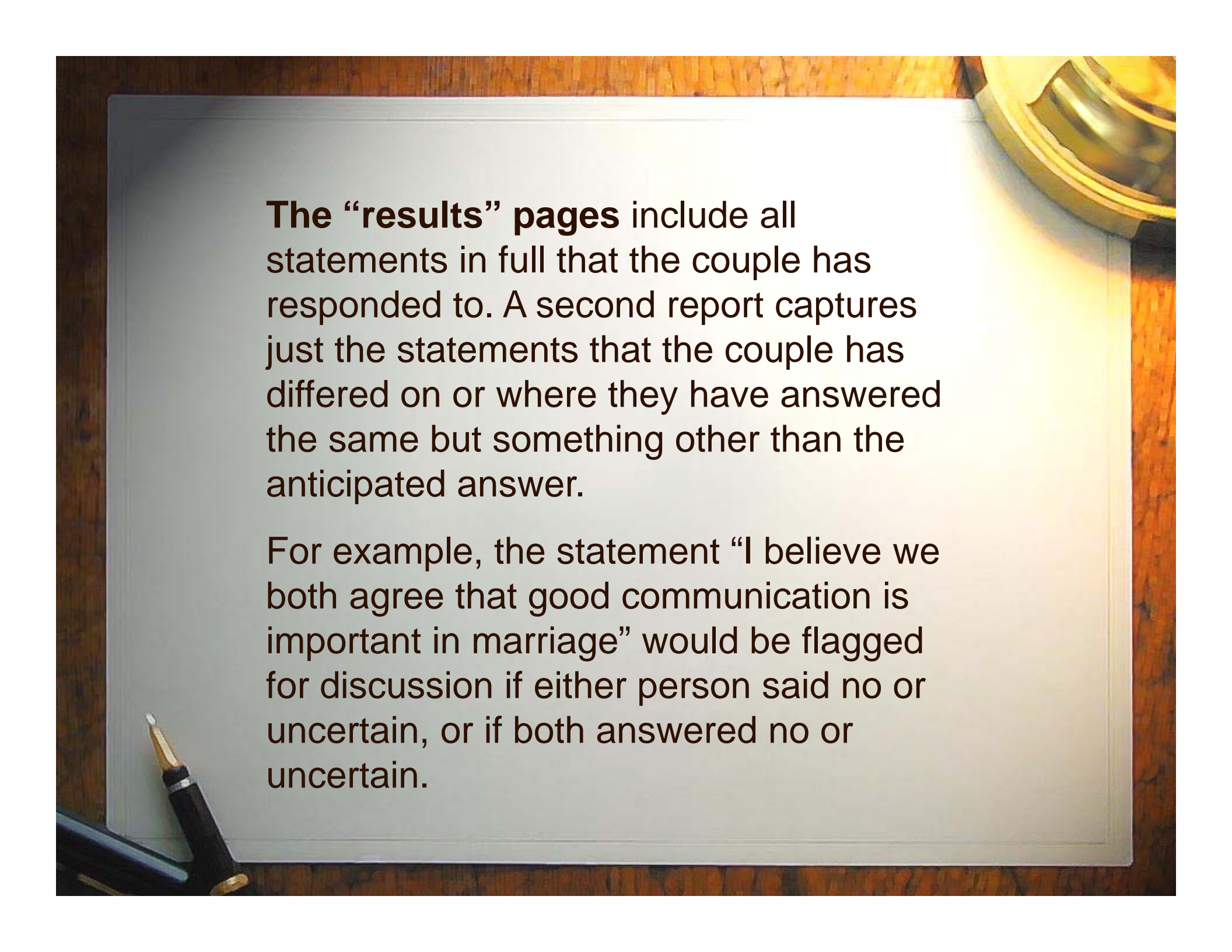
I will - to look at intentions going forward from the engagement to the marriage

HABITS

- I understand:**
- 47. Physical abuse is never acceptable.
 - 48. Pornography, gambling and cigarettes (as well as alcohol and drugs) can be addictive.
 - 49. Addictions can limit the ability to enter into a committed marriage.
 - 50. Counseling may be necessary to address some addiction issues before we can be married in the church.
- I believe:**
- 51. It is important to be honest about habits that might affect our relationship.
 - 52. Pornography is harmful to marriages.
 - 53. My future spouse might have a problem with the use of pornography, alcohol, drugs.
 - 54. Either my future spouse or I grew up in a family that had addiction issues.
 - 55. My future spouse has some habits that concern me (TV, video games, internet use, etc.).
- I will:**
- 56. Be open to my spouse's concerns about my behaviors.
 - 57. Ask for help if I have a harmful habit.
 - 58. Practice moderation in my habits.



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- Statement booklet is illustrated
 - All statements are grouped according to topic:
 - No more than two topics to a page
 - Language is simple, straightforward
 - Contains issues from current culture

A photograph of a wooden desk with a white sheet of paper. On the desk, there is a fountain pen with a black and gold nib, and a brass fastener. The text is printed on the white paper.

The “results” pages include all statements in full that the couple has responded to. A second report captures just the statements that the couple has differed on or where they have answered the same but something other than the anticipated answer.

For example, the statement “I believe we both agree that good communication is important in marriage” would be flagged for discussion if either person said no or uncertain, or if both answered no or uncertain.

- The answer sheet has follow-up items for the engaged couple to take home. They complete statements and share their answers with each other. The statements are in the same 13 categories as the in the scored portion of the tool. The following are samples:

- *A chore I am good at is _____*
- *We chose to get married in the Catholic Church because _____*



BUDGET/FINANCES

If money was all you needed to be happy then all rich people would be happy and all poor people sad. Following the lives of famous athletes and celebrities reveals that it is more complicated than that. Managing the financial part of your wedding is a good test of your money IQ and your communications skills.

Something we can do to make our (home,wedding,car) better without spending money is _____

Something we can do to make our (home,wedding,car) better only spending a little money is _____

Something we want to save for is _____

VALUES

Values are core beliefs or principles upon which we build our lives and make our most important decisions. Often unspoken, they may surface when a crisis presents itself. Values are not only what people are willing to die for but also what they live for.

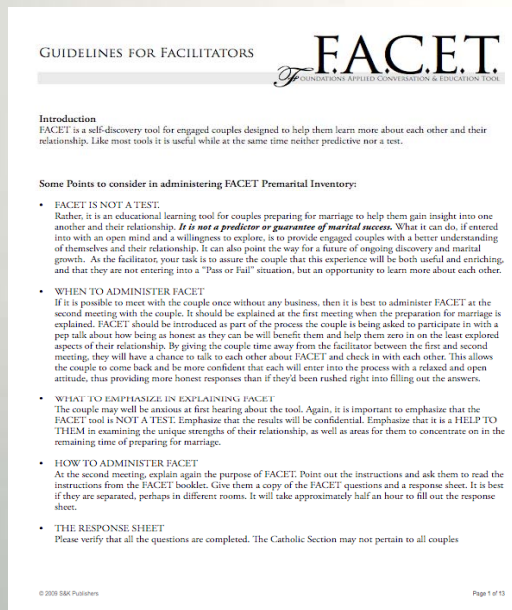
A value you have that I really admire is _____

A value we share that makes us strong as a couple is _____

Some values we'd like to pass on to our children are _____



- There is a facilitator's manual available online at www.facetsite.com



It is available in a downloadable format

- The “results” will come 2 ways: the complete output(seen here), as well as just the items marked for further discussion.

F.A.C.E.T. Report for Jonathan B and Margaret E

Submitted by Fr. Jim King, Portland, ME

| Overall Results: Agreed on 145 of 174 questions. | Jonathan | Margaret |
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| I. FAMILY OF ORIGIN | | |
| For further discussion: | | |
| 1. I know... The names, birthdates and birthplaces of my parents | YES | YES |
| 2. I know... The names, birthdates and birthplaces of my grandparents | YES | YES |
| 3. I know... About divorces among parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles | YES | YES |
| 4. I know... My future spouse's family history | YES | YES |
| 5. I know... What the term "family of origin" means | YES | YES |
| 6. I know... Some stories about my family and my future spouse's family | YES | YES |
| 7. I believe... My family has had a great influence on my values | YES | YES |
| 8. I believe... Resolving issues with my family of origin will help my marriage | YES | YES |
| 9. I believe... I need to forgive my parents for past hurts | YES | YES |
| 10. I believe... That I know all I need to know about my family of origin | YES | YES |
| 11. I will... Try to maintain a positive relationship with our families | YES | YES |
| 12. I will... Participate in establishing our own family traditions | YES | YES |
| II. ROLES IN MARRIAGE | | |
| For further discussion: | | |
| 13. I understand... That we need to share household tasks | YES | YES |
| 14. I understand... That there are no "male" jobs or "female" jobs | YES | YES |
| 15. I understand... That it's important to feel that our roles are fair | YES | NO |
| 16. I believe... That my future spouse is a capable person | YES | YES |
| 17. I believe... That we are both responsible for running our house | YES | YES |
| 18. I believe... That it's important to respect the work my future spouse does for us | YES | YES |
| 19. I believe... My future spouse does not value my contribution to our household | NO | NO |
| 20. I will... Do my fair share of chores around the house | YES | YES |
| 21. I will... Be open to conversation about chores | YES | YES |
| 22. I will... Express appreciation for my spouse's contributions to our household | YES | YES |
| III. BUDGET/FINANCES | | |
| For further discussion: | | |
| 23. I understand... There is no one right way to manage money | YES | NO |
| 24. I understand... Debt is very common among newly married couples | YES | YES |
| 25. I understand... Differences about finances can cause stress in our relationship | YES | YES |
| 26. I believe... My future spouse is honest about debts and assets. | YES | YES |
| 27. I believe... We often disagree about money | NO | UNCERTAIN |
| 28. I believe... My future spouse spends money foolishly | NO | NO |
| 29. I believe... My future spouse thinks I spend money foolishly | NO | NO |
| 30. I believe... We should be saving more of what we earn | NO | YES |
| 31. I believe... The wedding is costing too much | NO | UNCERTAIN |

- ***Cost of FACET elements***

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| • Statement booklets | \$3.50 |
| • Answer sheets/narratives | \$3.50 |
| • Scoring | \$8.00 |
| • Facilitator's guide | Free |

Under Construction

- Pamphlets which will relate items in the instrument to different topics, such as Cohabitation, Interfaith marriage, Second Marriage, Convalidation
- A training video, showing a facilitator going over FACET results with a couple

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couples with love and knowledge*