After 40 Years - There Must be 50 Ways to Woo Your Lover – by Marcy Lytle

Do you know the old Paul Simon song, "50 Ways to Lose Your Lover?" It's sure got a catchy tune, and easy to recall lyrics. But the message is about leaving and parting ways. After being married for over four decades, I'm thinking we need more catchy tunes and lists about how to woo our lover instead of leave him! Are you with me? So here's a list for this February month of 50 ideas you can print out and keep handy, when you need an idea of how to woo instead of lose.

Some require planning, others require very little at all…but just to notice. Some necessitate forgiveness, and some spark the flame of love. It's always better to give than receive, because we can leave the receiving up to HIM – and that frees us up to give a whole lot more!

1. Make breakfast in bed.
2. Buy him a new robe.
3. Affirm him before going to sleep.
4. Go to bed at the same time, and put away the phone.
5. Read aloud to him the Word.
6. Leave sticky notes on his steering wheel.
7. Have his car detailed.
8. Surprise him with a coffee gift card on his car seat.
9. Invite him for a country drive.
10. Stop at his favorite drive-through impromptu.
11. Add a pretty napkin to his lunchbox.
12. Plan a weekend getaway.
13. Reserve dinner at a steakhouse.
14. Play Frisbee golf or tennis or pickleball together.
15. Sit down and watch a game with him.
16. Do a chore that is normally his.
17. Make his favorite dessert and picnic on the floor.
18. Watch a movie of his choice.
19. Straighten his drawer or his side of the closet.
20. Purchase a greeting card and leave it in his briefcase or by his sink.
21. Dance after dinner.
22. Drive to watch the sunset and sit in silence.
23. Pray out loud for blessings on him.
24. Keep silent while he's driving (this is the hardest for me!)
25. Hold his hand in the movies and wink once in a while.
26. Grab his hand while you walk.
27. Take him shopping for new sneakers.
28. Order a surprise delivery at home, like a new book he'd love.
29. Subscribe him to a monthly service (like a coffee club)
30. Walk the aisles of Home Depot with him, smiling.
31. Offer to rub his feet.
32. Make hot tea and shortbread, and enjoy with him.

33. Have a spa night just for him.
34. Let him pick the movie and the snack.
35. Purchase a surprise gift and hide it with clues to find…just because.
36. Surprise him with tickets to a game.
37. Invite a few friends over for board games.
38. Purchase Italian sodas from World Market – he'll like them!
39. Make his favorite meal on a weeknight for no special occasion.
40. Celebrate an accomplishment you've noticed with a party for two.
41. Text him a short poem you wrote.
42. Send him a song that made you think of him.
43. Play a game on your phones together.
44. Go shopping with him for tech accessories.
45. Leave him a voice mail of encouragement.
46. Ask him out on a date.
47. Give him an entire day of no eye rolls (another hard one!)
48. Kiss him and linger and hold him.
49. Reserve an overnight stay at a hotel.
50. Ask him what he'd like to do and say yes.