Episode Two: COUPLE COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATION STRENGTHENS A RELATIONSHIP.

1. **MUSIC:** THEME MUSIC SONG UP AND UNDER HOST INTRO FANFAIR THEME
2. **YINKUS:** My people, you are welcome to an exciting episode of your favourite radio program Ireti Eda, the program that has been designed for your utmost relaxation and enjoyment. My name remains Olayinka Owoyemi, the iyaloade of the airwaves, your host on the program, a program that is loaded with lots of events; and with me in the studio is my anchor man Bosun, our ever cheerful upcoming Fuji Star and Comedian.

3. **BOSUN:** I greet everyone listening in on this program, as Yinkus has introduced I am Bosun a.k.a Da Boss. I am her co-anchor on the program, but listeners, today I am not feeling cheerful at all today!

4. **YINKUS:** (LAUGHS) Shooo Bosun! Are you still moody because of that your predicament with Sade? (LAUGHS) Look Bosun, just because you saw your babe, Sade in a jeep with another man, that is why you’re so distraught? When I told you to talk to her about it, you said you are “Da Boss,” a strong player and that no woman can break your heart? Hmmm dear listeners, don’t mind Bosun o jare!

5. **BOSUN:** (EXCLAIMS WORRIEDLY) Ah but Yinkus, even as “Da Boss” I cannot sit and watch as they take my Sade from me o. Ahn ahn! What do you want me to do?!

6. **YINKUS:** Bosun! After you’ll say I exaggerate too much.

7. **BOSUN:** (BURST INTO A YORUBA SONG- WON FE GBAYAWO WA)

8. **YINKUS:** (LAUGHS) Da Boss! I’ve already told you if you truly care for Sade like you are making us believe, you should have a talk with her. Maybe that person you saw with her was just an Uncle, a relative.
9. **BOSUN:** Leave that matter Yinkus, Omo yen ti Catch-Up! Sade has started keeping unholy relationship. Ha! Is it because am not yet popular?

10. **YINKUS:** Well Bosun, since you won’t listen to me… Please listeners don’t go anywhere. Our drama will now continue from where we left the stories last time. Remember how Iyabo, Abokede’s step-mother made sure the girl did not go to school. Why does she hate the girl so much, eh? And in Ilorin, Dotun and Wosilat’s family are struggling to survive with Dotun’s unemployment. Shall we see what else will happen? Let’s listen to today’s installment of our drama.

11. **DRAMA:** **CUE IN DRAMA MAX. 12 MINS**

12. **YINKUS:** Bosun did you hear how Wosilat is fending off her husband Dotun’s advances because of fear of pregnancy? Na wa-o.

13. **BOSUN:** The bobo is not serious-o. In their situation, does he need anyone to tell him now would be a wrong time to add to their family? There’s nothing like safe period-o. They better go to a family planning clinic, as soon as possible. Only the modern methods are reliable.

14. **YINKUS:** Is that so? Hmn da Boss. It’s as if you are an expert in this matter-o. If I’d known, I would not have invited our big aunty, Madam Adunni, to come today to advice us and answer our questions.

15. **BOSUN:** Chill, Yinkus. I may be Da Boss in fuji music but I’m still learning about life and I know that by the time I get married I will make a good family man.

16. **YINKUS:** *(CHUCKLES)* You! a good family man… please let’s go on a music break o jare!

17. **MUSIC:** **CUE IN POPULAR YORUBA MUSIC 1.1/2 MINS MAXIMUM**

18. **YINKUS:** Welcome back friends. That was Saheed Osupa with the track entitled, Endorsement. Did you enjoy the music? Here in the studio it was a party with a capital P! See me and Da Boss getting down. Not a joke-o!

19. **BOSUN:** Hmn! The only groovy Iyalode in all of Yoruba radio! Those were serious
moves-o. Pity we have to stop now because our big aunty, Madam Aduni is in the house!

20. **SFX:** *SHAKE THE SHEKERE AND A FEW BEATS OF TALKING DRUMS*

21. **YINKUS:** “Madam Adunni” you are welcome Ma. Our aunty is a midwife and a marriage counselor in her community, as well as a wife and mother. And recently I took aso-ebi and ate rice at the naming ceremony of her first grandchild!

22. **M. ADUNNI:** *(LAUGHING)* Yinka!!! You’ve started again! Anyway, thanks for the welcome. You’re looking sweet as usual. This your attire really suits you o.

23. **BOSUN:** Hmm you are very welcome ma. *(PAUSES)* But Aunty, I’m jealous of this compliment you’ve given Yinkus o. What about me, ma?

24. **M. ADUNNI:** My Bosun, ah ah, you know you are already my family person. I have one niece I want you to meet in fact…

25. **YINKUS:** Ha! Ma, no o. Bosun is already taken o. Him and his Sade o. In fact today’s topic is even for him.

26. **M. ADUNNI:** Well my dear Yinkus, I’m ready.

27. **YINKUS:** Aunty, last week I promised our listeners, you’re going to be taking some of their burning questions about today’s topic which is, good communication among couples and how this can strengthen a relationship. But before we hear from them, please Aunty let me ask a question on behalf of our dear Da Boss. Madam Adunni, how important, in your opinion is communication in a relationship.

28. **M. ADUNNI:** It is very important. When a couple is able to talk without worry about feelings and is able to express opinions, and feels like these are heard and considered, its relationship becomes better, stronger and closer. And you know it will increase the love and trust between them.

29. **YINKUS:** Hmm… Bosun I hope you’ve heard. Ok o. Aunty, I have a text message from Bolanle, one of our listeners, who wants to know *when is the best time for couples to talk.*

30. **M. ADUNNI:** *(LIGHTLY)* Bedtime, mealtime… Anytime really… Do pay attention to your partner’s mood.
31. BOSUN: Ma, we have a caller, Mutiu, one of our listeners, waiting to ask you a question. Mutiu, are you there?

32. INSERT: MUTIU’S VOICE: Anytime, I try to explain to my fiancée important things like my financial situation, telling her why I can’t give her all the things she wants, she becomes irritated and thinks I’m being stingy. How do I discuss a serious matter like finances with her and keep the peace without her becoming annoyed?

33. YINKUS: Well, what’s your take on this question, ma?

34. M. ADUNNI: This is an issue many people are facing. Whether the problem is finances or any other sensitive issues that cause problems between a couple, everyone wants to know how they can discuss sensitive issues with their partners without the person becoming upset. The most important thing is not to wait till there is trouble before you start talking with your partner. In other words, don’t wait for your partner to ask about money before bringing up your financial situation. The two of you should already have a good rapport and be used to discussing regular everyday issues so that there is the understanding between you that you’ll need when you have to discuss serious matters.

35. BOSUN: Ah, Madam Adunni, please you have to tell me how we’ll get that rapport. Because I definitely identify with Mutiu’s question. How do I get to have that kind of relationship with my babe, so we can reduce fighting and just discuss matters?

36. M. ADUNNI: Wow! Da Boss, that’s a very good question. Well, if you want to establish good communication with your partner:
1.) Start discussing normal everyday issues with your partner. For example “how was your day, what did you do, what should we eat? etc”
2.) Practice what you will say. If you’re the kind of person, who finds it difficult to start conversations, prepare ahead of time for what you want to tell your partner, what questions you want to ask them and so on.
3.) Ask questions and invite the other person to say how they feel. If you’re watching a film together, ask your partner how they feel about certain issues. If you have a problem at your work, seek their opinion or their advice.
4.) Listen to your partner and show interest in their opinion. You can ask them follow up questions or show appreciation to them and thank them for discussing, listening and sharing opinions.

37. **YINKUS:** Aunty, I believe we can take one more question... This last SMS is from Feyisayo, one of our listeners, who wants to know: *What topics should couples discuss and which ones aren’t up for discussion?*

38. **M. ADUNNI:** Feyisayo, honestly your partner should be your most intimate friend. It is better for a couple to talk freely and honestly about everything that affects you as a couple. There should be nothing that is too small or too big for the two of you to discuss. It is very important to have good communication with your partner so that your relationship will definitely be stronger and you’ll avoid many of the misunderstandings that couples go through. So really, I can’t say that there are topics you have to avoid with your partner as long as you’re living an honest life.

39. **YINKUS:** Well Aunty, we would love to hear more from you and our listeners still have many questions, but we’re out of time so it will have to wait till next. Thank you, ma for your time.

40. **M. ADUNNI:** It’s my pleasure. My dear listeners, please cultivate friendship with your partners, talk freely with him/her... If you’ve not been talking, start talking today...till next time o, remember “Get it together.”

41. **BOSUN:** Hmmm I really learned something important today and I feel like trying it at home with Sade. I’m grateful to Madam Adunni.

42. **YINKUS:** *(SURPRISED)* Ehnnn Bosun! Is it because our big aunty has now told you what to do? Is it not the same advice I’ve been giving you since? Hmmm... anyway it’s okay. Please give our listeners some good music now.

43. **CUE IN:** **MUSIC BY A POPULAR MUSICIAN FOR 1 MINUTES MAXIMUM**

44. **YINKUS:** Welcome back great people, that was Wizkid with the song “Superstar” and we’re dedicating it to all of you our fun-loving folk out there. We hope you are having a good time also.

45. **BOSUN:** Like we said, this is a program for progressive people, men and women, youth, fun-loving people; people who have goals and plan on meeting them.
46. **YINKUS:** And you can look forward to a lot of interesting real talk on real life issues so remember to keep tuning in, same time, same station.

47. **BOSUN:** Well listener’s it is time for our quiz where 5 of you have the opportunity to win one of our wonderful prizes. Today’s question is:

- *How can you initiate open communication with your partner?*

48. **YINKUS:** Listeners, please send your answers via SMS to this number ................. (Ibadan # /Ilorin #). If you would like to know where you can access family planning services in your area, you can call ######################## (same numbers). Or go to a clinic or PMV with a sign that says “Get it Together” and has a blue, yellow and orange puzzle pieces logo.

49. **BOSUN:** And of course, you know you can also connect with us on Facebook at the “Get it Together Ibadan/Ilorin” page. Listeners, thanks for hanging out with us. Until next time, I’m Bosun “DA Boss!”

50. **YINKUS:** And of course I remain your Yinkus! O da booo! (Till next time).

51. **MUSIC:** **THEME MUSIC** UP & UNDER PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP & BY-LINE (GET IT TOGETHER, PLAN YOUR FAMILY)