



# **When You've Married Wrong**

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***[Jesus] Not everyone is mature enough to live a married life. It requires a certain aptitude and grace...But if you are capable of growing into the largeness of marriage, do it – Matthew 19:11-12 (MSG)***

## *What Goes Wrong In A Marriage*

1. **UNRESOLVED ISSUES**
2. **UNMET EXPECTATIONS**
3. **UNDERESTIMATED DIFFERENCES**
4. **UNFORGIVEN MISTAKES**

## *The ABCs of a Marriage Makeover*

**Accept RESPONSIBILITY For My Actions**

***Each person must be responsible for himself – Galatians 6:5 (NCV)***

**BELIEVE MY MARRIAGE CAN CHANGE**

***Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible – Matthew 19:26 (NLT)***

**COMMIT TO DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES**

***Don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up – Galatians 6:9 (NLT)***

## DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED HURTS

### BY ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS

*Admit your faults to one another – James 5:16 (LB)*

### BY OFFERING FORGIVENESS

*Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others – Colossians 3:13 (LB)*

## ENLIST SUPPORT FROM OTHERS

*Get all the advice and instructions you can... – Proverbs 19:20 (NLT)*

*It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong – Proverbs 24:3 (NCV)*

*God, who is at work within you, will give you the will and the power to achieve his purpose. – Philippians 2:13 (Phillips)*

*For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need – Philippians 4:13 (NLT)*

### My Next Step

- I will memorize [Colossians 3:13](#)
- I will seek to grow into the “largeness” of marriage and help others to do so as well.
- I will start to work on a marriage makeover.
- I will start to work on a relationship makeover.

# WALK THE TALK

## A Growth Group Guide

1. *Have you ever watched a home makeover show and seen the startling transformation between before and after? Why are so many of us attracted to such shows?*
2. *Do you agree with the four “Un” words under “What Goes Wrong In A Marriage”? Would you add another “Un”?*
3. *Of the five ABCs of a Marriage Makeover (see above) which one stands out the most? Why? Which one is the most difficult to pull off?*
4. *Two weeks ago we asked about dealing with pride and embracing humility in a marriage (or a friendship). This week, learning to ask for and offer forgiveness is the most vital actions in most marriages. Why? Why is it important to do this together?*
5. *The challenge is when the other person doesn't reciprocate when you step up to do the right thing. So why is having faith and allowing space for change so important?*
6. *For Personal Thought: Why is it critical to become in yourself the person you want to find in someone else? (NO, this is not a mistake as a repeat from other weeks. We left it in for you to think it through again in your life. 😊)*