

**STAYING MARRIED ISN'T
ABOUT STAYING IN LOVE**

Marriage

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MARRIAGE IS ...

... GOD'S WORK

... BASED ON GRACE

... DISPLAYS CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

**MARRIAGE IS A
LIVING
BREATHING
PARABLE OF
THE GOSPEL.**



7 And they were strict to show
that there should be ^ano iniquity
among them; and whoso was found
to commit iniquity, and ^athru-
nesses of the church did condemn
them before the ^celders, and if they
repented not, and ^dconfessed
their names were ^eblotted out,
they were not ^fnumbered among
people of Christ.

8 But ^aas oft as they repented and sought forgiveness, with real ^bintent, they were ^cforgiven.

9 And their meetings were ^aconducted by the church after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the ^bpower of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them, when

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“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, **bearing with one another** and **forgiving one another**... Just as the **Lord** has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.”

Colossians 3:12–13

**Sinful People
Guarantee There
Will Be Conflict**





Forgiveness revives love when
affection is damaged by sin.

A man with a beard and a woman with blonde hair are in a kitchen. The woman is crying with her face buried in the man's chest, her hands covering her eyes. The man is holding her gently, his hand on her head. The background shows white kitchen cabinets and a floral patterned surface.

God is glorified when two broken people choose to remain faithful in the furnace of trial and affliction.

A man and a woman are sitting on a green couch, looking distressed. The man is on the left, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and jeans, with his hands gesturing as if in conversation. The woman is on the right, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and jeans, with her head buried in her hand. In the foreground, a person is seen from the back, holding a clipboard and pen, suggesting a therapy session. A potted plant is visible on the right side of the couch.

“The foundation of covenant-keeping love collapsed. And with it the sweet, all-trusting security of marriage disappeared forever.”

**MARRIAGE IS
BUILT ON
COVENANT, NOT
CONVENIENCE**



**“The two will become one flesh.
This mystery is profound, but I am
talking about Christ and the
church.”**

Ephesians 5:31–32

**“Let the peace of Christ, to which
you were also called in one body,
rule your hearts. And be thankful”**

Colossians 3:15



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MAGNIFIES THE
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LOVE OF CHRIST**

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