

Lord please save my
MARRIAGE

Radical Purpose: Seek to please Christ

Radical Path: Be Kind

1. Accept bids by “turning towards” each other
2. Be kind at a 20:1 ratio

Radical Pardon:

Reducing Conflicts in Marriage

1. Accept differences

Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

2. Expect conflicts

John 16:33 "...In this world you will have trouble."

3. Overlook minor offences

Proverbs 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 20:3 It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.

4. Speak with pleasantness

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.

Repairing Conflicts in Marriage: Forgive Like Jesus

1. Jesus forgives freely

Matthew 10:8 "...Freely you have received, freely give."

Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

2. Jesus forgives fully

Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

3. Jesus forgives repeatedly

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

4. Jesus forgives sacrificially

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