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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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