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## A Marriage that Lasts a Lifetime

### FIRST:

A LASTING MARRIAGE BEGINS WITH COMMITMENT, NOT CONVENIENCE

**Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Commitment means you don't look for exits along the way.

Commitment means you stay on the same road for the rest of your life...

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)**

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven”

### **Matthew 19:6 (NLT)**

“Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

### SECOND:

A LASTING MARRIAGE IS BUILT THROUGH SHARED MEMORIES

### **Psalms 127:1 (NKJV)**

“Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it...”

### **Psalms 145:4 (NKJV)**

“One generation shall praise Your works to another...”

### THIRD:

A LASTING MARRIAGE REQUIRES FORGIVENESS...

### **Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)**

“... be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

### **James 1:19 (NLT)**

“... be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”

FOURTH:

A LASTING MARRIAGE HAS CHRIST AT THE CENTER...

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)**

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)**

“A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children’s children...”