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5 Convictions About Broken Marriages

- Marriage is at the core a **SPIRITUAL** union
- Every marriage can get better
- No marriage will ever be all it can without Jesus
- No marriage can be saved if one partner wants to leave
- Any marriage can be saved/restored if both partners are willing to work on it

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Create/Set/Have/Keep Realistic Expectations

Genesis 2:18-23

- Adam was not there for Eve
- Adam threw Eve under the bus
- Adam gives in and goes along with her sin
- Eve misspeaks for God
- Eve never asked Adam about the decision
- Eve invites Adam into her sin

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Focus On The Problems: YOURS

Ephesians 5:21-28;33

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up** for her to make her holy.

In this same way, husbands ought to **love** their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself... However, each one of you also must **love his wife as he loves himself**, and the wife must **respect her husband**.

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Embrace The Giving And Receiving Of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

- Bear with: **#justdeal**
- Forgive: **#letitgo**
- Measure against the Lord Jesus

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Forgiveness Paradigm

- Start with THEIR list!
- Reflect back what you heard them say
- Own what you did...or didn't do
- Clarify until you agree
- Ask for forgiveness: SAY THE WORDS
- Receive forgiveness...Let them SAY THE WORDS
- Write it out...Stamp forgiveness on it
- Forget it: As far as the east from west

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Choose To Love Biblically

1 Cor 13:5-8

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

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Biblical Love In Marriage

**Biblical love in a marriage
is the character and heart of God
IN YOU,
FOR YOUR SPOUSE!**

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6 “NEVERS” To Overcoming A Broken Marriage

- **Never accept abuse**
- **Never go further than God does**
- **Never take the easy way out**
- **Never stop loving: Yourself or your spouse**
- **Never put your spouse in the place of God**
- **Never go it alone: GET A GOOD COUNSELOR**

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