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### GENESIS 2: 22-24 NCV

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# What Is Marriage?

GENESIS 2:24 NCV

- Marriage is the GOD-Ordained Institution of Covenant (Agreement) between a man and a woman.
  - To be married is to enter into an agreement to grow by making mistakes, and learning from those mistakes.



# The Basis or Foundation of All Conflict

## PROVERBS 16:18 NCV

**- Pride is inordinate self-esteem, conceit, disdainful behavior or treatment; or, to indulge oneself.**

- “<sup>18</sup> Pride leads to destruction; a proud attitude brings ruin.”

**Proverbs 16:18 NCV**

- Pride causes conflict in relationship.

- “<sup>6</sup> But GOD gives us even more grace, as the Scripture says, ‘GOD is against the proud, but HE gives grace to the humble.’”

**James 4:6 NCV**



# Causes of Conflict

PROVERBS 16:18 NCV

- **Conflict causes emotional damage.**
- **Conflict causes physical damage.**

**“DON’T ALLOW CONFLICT TO DESTROY YOU, OR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS!”**



# #1 Killer of Long-term Relationships

## PROVERBS 16:18 NCV

- **Miscommunication is a failure to communicate clearly.**
  - **Stop being comfortable within relationships.**
  - **Complacency is self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies; to be unconcerned, disinterested, nonchalant or casual.**



# #1 Killer of Long-term Relationships

## REVELATION 2:4-5 NCV (cont.)

- “<sup>4</sup> But I [Jesus Christ] have this against you: You have left the love you had in the beginning. <sup>5</sup> So remember where you were before you fell. Change your hearts and do what you did at first. If you do not change, I will come to you and will take away your lampstand from its place.”

**Revelation 2:4-5 NCV**



# #1 Killer of Long-term Relationships

## REVELATION 2:4-5 NCV (cont.)

- “<sup>11</sup> Be careful not to forget the LORD your GOD so that you fail to obey HIS commands, laws, and rules that I am giving to you today. <sup>12</sup> When you eat all you want and build nice houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase, when you have more of everything, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud. You will forget the LORD your GOD, WHO brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.” **Deuteronomy 8:11-14 NCV**

**- Complacency within a relationship leads to miscommunication.**



## #2 Killer of Long-term Relationships

### HEBREWS 10:24 NCV

- **Assumption is to take upon oneself; to take as real or true; to suppose.**

“<sup>24</sup> Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.” **Hebrews 10:24 NCV**

- **Thinking for your spouse is an act of pride.**
- “<sup>12</sup> ‘I am allowed to do all things,’ but not all things are good for me to do. ‘I am allowed to do all things,’ but I will not let anything make me its slave.” **1 Corinthians 6:12 NCV**



## #2 Killer of Long-term Relationships

### ISAIAH 33:22 NCV (cont.)

**- A part of being in a long-term relationship or marriage is to know your role and stay in your lane.**

“<sup>22</sup> This is because the Lord is our judge. The Lord makes our laws. The Lord is our king. He will save us.” **Isaiah 33:22 NCV**

**- Making assumptions and operating in judgment places our ways ahead of GOD's Ways.**

**- Couple must fight to maintain our true identity in GOD.**



# Foundational Scripture

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# Live On One Accord and Unified

## St. Mark 3:24-25 NCV

- **Our true identity in marriage is living with one in mind, body and spirit.**
- **GOD wants us to live in unity.**

“<sup>24</sup> A kingdom that is divided cannot continue, <sup>25</sup> and a family that is divided cannot continue.” **St. Mark 3:24-25 NCV**

- **WE MUST BE ON ONE ACCORD. #TOGETHER**

“<sup>3</sup> Two people will not walk together unless they have agreed to do so.”  
**Amos 3:3 NCV**



# Realignment — Point 1

## GENESIS 2:24 NCV

- **Realign My Heart v. 24a** “<sup>24</sup> So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.”

“<sup>26</sup> I [GOD] will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

**Ezekiel 36:26 NKJV**

**- Only GOD can realign our hearts once we submit to HIS Will.**



# Realignment

## GENESIS 2:24 NCV (cont.)

“<sup>1</sup> The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.” **Proverbs 21:1 NKJV**

- **GOD directs our hearts to do the right things.**

“<sup>18</sup> I pray also that you will have greater understanding in your heart so you will know the hope to which He [Christ] has called us and that you will know how rich and glorious are the blessings GOD has promised HIS Holy people.” **Ephesians 1:18 NCV**

- **GOD realigns our hearts by providing us with greater understanding.**



## Realignment — Point 2

### GENESIS 2:24 NCV

- **Realign My Mind v. 24b** “<sup>24</sup> So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.”

“<sup>2</sup> Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love. <sup>3</sup> You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way.” **Ephesians 4:2-3 NCV**

- **Realigning our minds requires purposeful thinking.**



# Realignment

## GENESIS 2:24 NCV (cont.)

“<sup>14</sup> Even more than all this, clothe yourself in love. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body to have peace. Always be thankful.” **Colossians 3:14-15 NCV**

- **The peace that Christ gives controls our thinking.**

“<sup>13</sup> Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage, and be strong. <sup>14</sup> Do everything in love.” **1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NCV**

- **Consciously move forward in faith and do everything in love.**



## Realignment — Point 3

### GENESIS 2:24 NCV

- **Realign My Spirit v. 24c** “<sup>24</sup> So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.”

“<sup>16</sup> And so we know the love that GOD has for us, and we trust that love. GOD is love. Those who live in love live in GOD, and GOD lives in them.” **1 John 4:16 NCV**

- **Our love for GOD will restore our love for our spouse.**



# Realignment

## GENESIS 2:24 NCV (cont.)

“<sup>8</sup> Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other for many sins.” **1 Peter 4:8 NCV**

- **We must forgive frequently and often.**

- Frequently means to do it time and time again for the same thing.
- Often means to do it time and time again for a different thing.



# Realignment

## GENESIS 2:24 NCV (cont.)

“<sup>12</sup> So, my brothers and sisters, we must not be ruled by our sinful selves or live the way our sinful selves want. <sup>13</sup> If you use your lives to do the wrong things your sinful selves want, you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit’s help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life.” **Romans 8:12-13 NCV**

**- Controlling our flesh will strengthen and realign our spirit.**

“<sup>25</sup> We get our new life from the Spirit, so we should follow the Spirit.”

**Galatians 5:25 NCV**

**- Realigning our spirit to the Heart of GOD resolves conflict.**

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