



DESPERATE HOUSEHOLDS
“How to Save a Marriage in Crisis”
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“But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26 (ESV)

1. LEARN HOW TO _____ AGAIN.

“It's better not to make a promise at all than to make one and not keep it.”

Ecclesiastes 5:5 (CEV)

“Jesus answered, ‘Surely you have read in the Scriptures: When God made the world, ‘he made them male and female.’ And God said, ‘So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.’ So there are not two, but one. God has joined the two together, so no one should separate them.”

Matthew 19:4-6 (NCV)

“I hate divorce,” says the Lord God of Israel. “I hate it when people do anything that harms others,” says the Lord who rules over all. So guard yourself in your spirit. And don't break your promises.”

Malachi 2:16 (NIRV)

“...I hate the violent dismembering of the 'one flesh' of marriage...:

Malachi 2:16 (MSG)

**2. LEARN HOW TO _____ AGAIN
(_____ AND
_____).**

- **Stay** _____

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Proverbs 15:18 (NCV)

- **Fight** _____

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Proverbs 22:10 (CEV)

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Proverbs 26:21 (NCV)

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3. LEARN HOW TO _____ AGAIN.

LOVE COVENANT (Based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8):

I will patiently give my spouse and myself time to reach our highest potential._____

I will ask, “What’s the kindest thing I can do or say right now?” and then simply do it._____

I will not desire what isn’t mine._____

I will not brag when I am right and my spouse is wrong._____

I will not let my foolish stubbornness and pride stand in the way of moving my marriage forward._____

I will not act like a spoiled child by behaving rudely or saying hurtful things just to win a fight or get my way._____

I will not put my own needs or wants in front of my spouse’s._____

I will not lose my temper, because nothing good will ever come of it._____

I will not “keep score” of the wrongs that have been done to me._____

I will not take any pleasure when my spouse “gets what they deserve” ____

I will only rejoice when what’s right and what’s true have their way in my marriage. ____

I will patiently accept my spouse for how they are, not how I think they should be. ____

I will always trust, especially when it’s difficult to do. ____

I will never give up hope—never. ____

I will hold out and hang on for my marriage, against all odds. ____

Because love never fails, I refuse to fail. ____

Signature

Date

**4. LEARN HOW TO _____
AGAIN.**

“Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.”

Proverbs 11:14 (MSG)

“Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.”

Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)

5. LEARN HOW TO _____ AGAIN.

“A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.”

Proverbs 15:13 (ESV)

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)