

FROM
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KEYS FOR BUILDING **STRONG FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

#2 MAKING MARRIAGE WORK - PART 1

Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV) "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Bring God into your marriage.

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT) Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

How do you bring God into your marriage? The husband and wife:

- ▶ Give their lives to Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Consistently attend and actively participate in church life.

- ▶ Individually develop their relationship with God, including praying (positively) for their spouse.
- ▶ Cultivate a devotional/prayer life together.
- ▶ Surround themselves with Christian friends who are growing in their faith.
- ▶ Make decisions by seeking God's will, guidance and wisdom.
- ▶ Make their faith a part of their home-life.
- ▶ Invest in Christian resources, church groups and studies that grow them in their faith and marriage.

Bring God into your marriage. He's the "cord" that makes a marriage strong. When your hearts and eyes are fixed on Him, your relationships become closer and stronger.

