

"How to Survive an Affair"

Affairs do happen in the Body of Christ. When they do happen with family or friends, most of us do not know why they happen, or how to help.

Husbands' Greatest Needs

1. Respect/Admiration
2. Sexual fulfillment
3. An attractive spouse
4. Peace at home
5. Recreational companion

Wives' Greatest Needs:

1. Affection
2. Conversation
3. Honesty & Openness
4. Financial support
5. Family commitment

1. Just because there has been an affair, doesn't mean there has to be a _____. **Malachi 2:14-16, Mark 10:2-12**
2. The Father's Heart is for _____ if at all possible, and if there is genuine change in _____. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
3. The GOAL of Marriage is to be such an _____ in meeting the needs of your spouse that you practically build your marriage _____.

The Story of Hosea (and his "Wayward Wife")

Hosea means - _____ - "the Lord Saves"

1. _____ - **1:2**
2. One _____ - **1:3**
3. Children come - - Jezreel **1:4** "God will _____"
- Lo-ruhamah **1:6** "not _____"
- Lo-Ammi **1:9** "not My _____"
4. _____ - **2:5**
5. _____ - **2:1**
6. _____ **3:1-5**
7. God's pursuit of His Adulterous Wife - **Ch. 4-14**
 - Adulterous Israel _____ - **4:1-6:3**
 - Adulterous Israel _____ - **6:4-10:15**
 - Adulterous Israel _____ to the Lord - **11:1-14:9,**
Romans 11:25-26 - "all Israel"

STEPS to Reconciliation: (from the view of the betrayed)

1. If you want to survive the storm you have to _____.
 - A. More than likely the marriage has been _____ for a long time.
 - B. The straying spouse is not the only _____.
 - C. Affairs develop because _____ Accounts have slowly emptied.

- D. Most affairs _____ in divorce, but reconciliation.
2. Don't put up with the affair for _____.
- A. Just because needs were not met doesn't mean the offending spouse was _____ for their destructive behavior.
- B. Marriage is an _____ relationship. Three is a crowd. **Heb. 13:3**
- C. _____ (temporarily) is best until restoration can happen.
- provides emotional _____.
 - provides _____ circumstances that may lead to repentance.
- D. Once the affair has started the marriage has already been _____.
3. If you know what to expect, you will _____ less and have a greater _____ of reconciling.
- A. There is almost _____ with an affair.
- B. Usually the offending spouse is _____ to giving up the lover.
- C. The affair actually is an _____.
- D. The iron-clad rule is the straying spouse must _____.
- E. _____ to a straying spouse for security makes it only worse.
- Your _____ is critical.
- Relational Principle #1** – "Whatever is _____ is not _____"
- F. Ask for _____. You can't do this without support.
- G. Don't get _____. (greatest danger) **Heb. 12:15 "defiled"**
- H. Make _____ your top priority, not getting your spouse back.
- I. The _____ will never be able to take the place of the spouse; but the _____ can take the place of the lover.
- J. There will always be _____ for the former lover.
4. _____ meeting each other's needs (that left you vulnerable in the first place).
5. The marriage can become _____ than ever before.