



# WHY MARRIAGES BREAK (And How to Fix Them)

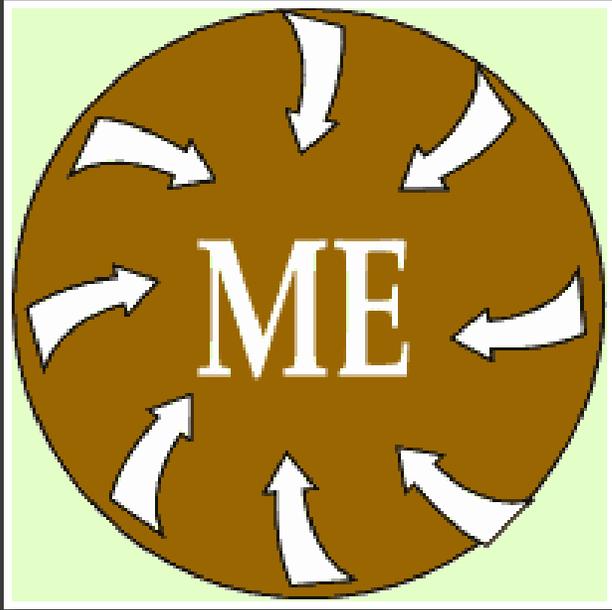




***Genesis 2:18-25***

- God designed marriage to last for a lifetime
- Marriage is being *redefined, devalued, defiled, and destroyed* by far too many





“There are few guarantees in life. But if you’re looking for a guaranteed way to wreck your marriage, never forget the cardinal rule: Marriage is all about your own personal happiness!”

*“Marriage Breakdown”*

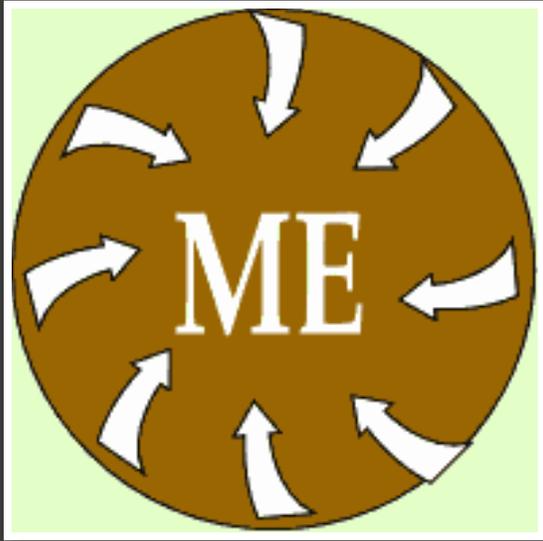
Dr. David Currie, [www.growthtrac.com](http://www.growthtrac.com)

- More blessed to give than to receive,  
*Proverbs 11:25; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

**MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN**

*(Selfishness)*





“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” (*Hebrews 13:4*)

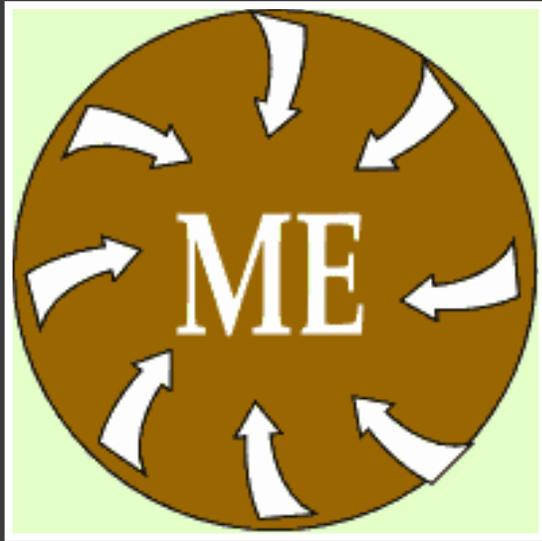
“...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...”  
(*2 Timothy 3:4*)

# MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN

(*Immorality*)



“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: **There is no fear of God before his eyes.**” (*Psalm 36:1*)



**MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN**  
*(Faithlessness)*





**Genesis 2:18-25**

***Five Major  
Reasons for Marital  
Breakdown  
(and how to fix them)***





# COMMUNICATION

- **Listen more – talk less, *James 1:19-20***
  - Avoid anger – Kind understanding, *Ephesians 4:29-32*
  - Do not take each other for granted, *S.S. 2:3; Genesis 2:23 (18); Ephesians 5:29*
- **Develop effective, godly communication skills, *Proverbs 15:1-2; 19:13 (21:9, 19); 20:3***



# FINANCES (MATERIALISM)



- **Communication often fails here**
  - Money is a tool to help us, not a master to enslave us
  - Contentment plus commitment to heavenly treasures,  
*1 Timothy 6:6-10; Matthew 6:19-21*
- **Common values, goals, expectations, *Matthew 6:24***



## ***Genesis 2:24-25***



# **SEX**

- **God-given in marriage, *Hebrews 13:4***
  - Purity, *1 Corinthians 7:2 (1 Thess. 4:3-8)*
  - Procreation, *Genesis 1:27-28*
  - Pleasure, *1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (Prov. 5:15-20)*



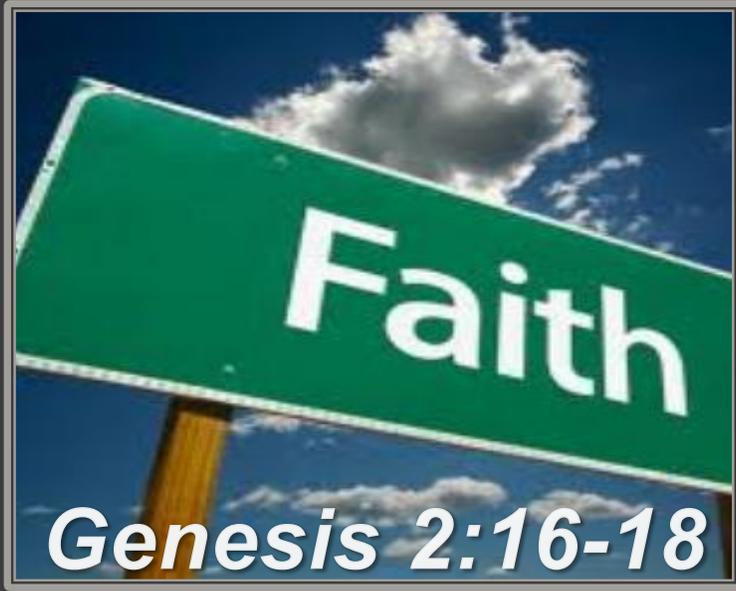


**Genesis 2:24**

# **IN-LAWS AND FRIENDS**

- **“Leave and Cleave”** is God’s arrangement for building successful families
- **Friends and Family** who are not supportive of your marriage are hindrances – not true friends, *1 Cor. 15:33-34 (Proverbs 25:19)*





# SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY (LITTLE FAITH)

- **Gives Satan an opening, *Genesis 3:1-6***
  - Maturity sees sin's deception, *Hebrews 5:13-14*
  - Eve was deceived by Satan, and Adam followed his wife into sin, *1 Timothy 2:12-14*
- **Grow up in Christ, *Eph. 4:15; Rom. 13:11-14***





**Genesis 2:18-25**

- Marriage breaks down when sin rises up in our hearts and lives
- Your adversary wants to destroy your soul by destroying your marriage!
- Be faithful to God and honor Him by loving and respecting your spouse, *Eph. 5:25, 28-31, 33*

