

If we were made for relationships, why are they such a challenge?

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Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." ²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

1Tim. 1:15 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."

James 4:1 "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?"

Every home accumulates trash, so we must take it out often. Failure to do so stinks up the entire house. Sin is like trash, and every home has it too. Repentance and forgiveness is how a couple takes their trash out. If you are married, you will have conflict. You cannot avoid it because marriage is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person. *"Real Marriage" by Mark & Grace Driscoll pg. 86*

Philippians 2:1-7 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

Keys to living at peace with God and others.

- 1. Seek first to understand ahead of being understood.**
- 2. No matter how small your part in the conflict may be, commit to correct it.**
- 3. Your capacity to forgive is connected to your own appreciation for the forgiveness you've received.**

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