

Title: Broken-Hearted (Happily Ever After pt 2)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

"NEEDS OF THE OTHER"

"God, I just want to take time today to recognize that you are doing a work in me. I am so thankful that you are a God that is not far away. Thank you for caring about the little things. God, I thank you for my family and the people in my life. You have set such a good example for me. I want to continue to look more like you and build relationships that glorify you. Thank you God, Amen."

Key Truths

The honor or dishonor we receive from others does not determine our character. God did not give men dominion over women and children, but authority and responsibility to lead them.

In the message, Pastor Duane mentions two needs of a man in the marriage relationship:

- A man's number one need is honor. He will gravitate to the place he is the most honored. A
 good way to figure out how to honor our husband is to look at how to honor God. Value his
 opinion, trust his judgment, build him up with our words, appreciate him, and speak good about
 him to others.
- The second need a man has is for sex. But it is more than that, he doesn't just want sex, he
 wants his wife. He desires physical connection with the one he loves most.

In the message, Pastor Duane and Jeanie mention two needs of a woman in the marriage relationship:

Non sexual affection and conversation. Women have a desire for physical intimacy that doesn't
always need to lead to sex. They want to know they are loved beyond providing physical
needs, to hear they are beautiful a million times a day, and to know that they are irreplaceable.
Conversation should be a two way street, so more than being listened to, women want to hear
from their husband.

• We tend to think our needs are the same as our spouses. We want them to learn and provide our needs so we should be taking the time to learn and provide theirs. The more we give and take together, the more we build each other up, feel respected, and grow together.

Practical Application

For those who are unmarried, there is not just one person set aside for us but there is one kind of person. Someone who is saved and has a passion for God like we do. We shouldn't settle for less than what God has for us. A good thing to be asking when considering a relationship is "Is this person bringing compromise into my life? Are they strengthening my relationship with the Lord?"

Key Verses

- 1 Corinthians 7:4, 7:16, 7:28, 7:39
- 1 Peter 3:7
- Psalm 62:7
- Genesis 2:2, 2:21
- Proverbs 18:22, 5:20
- Romans 3:20
- John 1:12

Declarations

"My spouse is a blessing from the Lord and no matter how good things are going or how rough it can get, I will continue to find ways to provide for their needs. God is a perfect father that loves us so well. God, continue to teach me about how to love my spouse no matter what I may be feeling."

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Genesis 2:24 KJV Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Malachi 2:15 MSG God, not you, made marriage

Malachi 2:15 MSG His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage.

Matthew 19:3-6 NKJV The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who [a]made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Genesis 5:21-24 NKJV Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Genesis 2:25 NKJV And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Proverbs 5:18 NKJV Let your fountain be blessed...

Proverbs 5:19-21 NKJV As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.

Luke 4:18 NKJV "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted

Proverbs 30:21-23 ESV Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up: a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband,

Psalm 31:12 NKJV I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him...

Psalm 69:20 NKJV Reproach has broken my heart...

Mark 8:36 NKJV For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

John 17:23 NKJV...and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 NKJV Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.