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Silence

Revelation 19: 7 Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the **marriage of the Lamb has come**,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

9 And the angel said to me, “Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited to the
marriage supper of the Lamb.”

Love Myth #1

Love is only a feeling

Love Myth #2

Love is always passionate

Love Myth #3

Love is always easy

Love Myth #4

Love finds its peak at the
beginning of a relationship

In the past, one was shamed for
seeking a divorce.

Today, one is shamed for NOT
seeking a divorce.

Jeremiah 2: 2 “I remember the devotion of
your youth,

how as a bride you loved me
and followed me through the wilderness,
through a land not sown.

Jeremiah 2: If my people have exchanged
their glorious God
for worthless idols.

20 On every high hill
and under every spreading tree
you lay down as a prostitute.

Jeremiah 2: 25 you said, 'It's no use!
I love foreign gods,
and I must go after them.'

Jeremiah 3: 14 “**Return, faithless people,**” declares the Lord, “for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion. 15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

Hosea 2: 14 “Therefore I am now going to
allure her;

I will lead her into the wilderness
and speak tenderly to her.

15 There I will give her back her vineyards,
and will make the Valley of Achor a door of
hope.

Hosea 2: There she will respond as in the days
of her youth,
as in the day she came up out of Egypt.

16 “In that day,” declares the Lord,
“you will call me ‘my husband’;
you will no longer call me ‘my master.’

Hosea 2: 19 I will betroth you to me forever;

I will betroth you in righteousness and
justice,

in **love** and compassion.

20 I will betroth you in faithfulness,
and you will acknowledge the Lord.

God doesn't do "soul mates"

God does "sole mates"

Secret #1: Be a
God-centered spouse.

Ephesians 5: 22 Wives, submit to your own
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: **25** Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her...

Proverbs 31:

Secret #2: Always assume
the best of your spouse.

1 Corinthians 13: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding **gong** or a clanging **cymbal**.

1 Corinthians 13: 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, **I am nothing.**

1 Corinthians 13: 3 If I give all I possess to
the poor and give over my body to
hardship that I may boast, but do not have
love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13: 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love **does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.**

1 Corinthians 13: 7 It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes, always
perseveres.

Suspicion is a self-fulfilling
prophecy.

Secret #3: You must always
leave room for covenant.

“The idea that “being in love” is the only reason for remaining married really leaves no room for marriage as a contract or promise at all. If love is the whole thing, then the promise can add nothing? And if it adds nothing, then it should not be made.”

CS Lewis

1 Peter 3: Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

1 Peter 3: 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

One last thought: If God can
resurrect Jesus from the
dead, He can resurrect your
marriage.

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