

Tighten The Knot

Part 3: When the Knot Frays

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WHAT DO I DO WHEN THE KNOT FRAYS?

1. How can we overcome adultery?

A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

(Ephesians 5:31–32, New Living Translation)

- God knows how you feel!

Admit that you rebelled against the LORD your God and committed adultery against him by worshiping idols. (Jeremiah 3:13, NLT)

- Get help! Get Help! Get HELP!

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They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. (Revelation 12:11, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

2. What if your spouse wants a divorce?

If a fellow believer has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. And if a believing woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him.

(1 Corinthians 7:12–13, NLT)

For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy. (1 Corinthians 7:14, NLT)

- Keep trying for the sake of the kids!

But if the husband or wife who isn't a believer insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases the believing husband or wife is no longer bound to the other, for God has called you to live in peace.

(1 Corinthians 7:12–15, NLT)

3. How do we strengthen a blended family?

- God can still use you to do great things!

- It's going to be hard!

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins."

(Psalm 51:1, NLT)

This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you."

(2 Samuel 12:11, NLT)

The LORD loved the child and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means beloved of the LORD").

(2 Samuel 12:24–25, NLT)

This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David . . . David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

(Matthew 1:1, 6, NLT)

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. (Proverbs 28:13, NLT)