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Unleashing Hope in My Marriage

March 16-17, 2019

Hope is: Peace and confidence that a loving God is in charge of life and in charge of my life and no matter what happens, good or bad, it's going to be OK.

#1 Give up myths that kill hope.

The myth of the soul mate

The myth of we'll always get along.

The myth of greener grass.

The myth that a marriage is beyond hope.

"With God all things are possible." -Jesus, Matthew 19:26

#2 Commit to love.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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#3 Use the tools that God provides.

But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. 1 Thessalonians 4:9

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for others. 1 John 3:16



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#4 Believe in a God who pulls this together.

"At the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." -Jesus, Matthew 19:4-6

- It is God that joins us.

-If God is setting the standard that high—then God must give us help and power and ability to work it out.

- Healing in a marriage happens really fast.

Talk it Over...

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