

3 FOLD CORD

Building Lasting Marriages on a Firm Foundation

Weekly Devotional

WEEK ONE -

The Tie That Binds

God's original design for marriage was for Him to be at the center of them, the third stand in a cord of three. We all know what a rope looks like and can clearly see how the strands are braided together. This is by design. The strands are entwined to give it *tensile* strength. This means that it can withstand extremely strenuous pressure even when stretched, before breaking. It's amazing yet, also *Scriptural*, that a threefold cord is not easily broken. Try this experiment. Take two pieces of string and *pull* them until they break. Now do the same thing adding a third strand. You will find that that it is much more difficult to break the strand of three. This is also by design, God's design.

Here is where we as a couple can get into trouble, when we try to go it alone without acknowledging the One Who designed marriage. It's then that we are more susceptible to be more easily broken.

The question is, have we as a couples been allowing the pressures of life to cause us to neglect the third strand? Are we trying to go it alone? If so, we can repent, and ask God back into our marriages to be the center, the guide, and strength of it. When we do, we will be well on our way to be strengthened and restored to the place of fruitfulness and happiness that we are hoping for, strong and resilient, and not easily broken.

*Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)*