

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

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Key Passages

- Genesis 12 & Genesis 20

What Does The Bible Say About Marriage

- Marriage Purpose - Genesis 2
- Responsibilities - Ephesians 5
- Unity - Matthew 19: 4-6
- Honorable - Hebrews 13:5

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Overcoming Betrayal

Usually when we hear of marital betrayal we often immediately make the leap to an adulterous relationship. However, betrayal in its simplest form is to be disloyal.

There are many ways that one member of a marriage can violate the trust of the marriage. Perhaps one spouse hid financial dealings with the intent to deceive or one spouse ignored a vital household responsibility that had a severe negative effect on the family.

In the book of Genesis twice we see Abram (later named Abraham) tell an enemy his wife is his sister to save his own life. He feared they would find her attractive and kill him to have her. In one such occurrence in Genesis 12 the Bible says that his wife, Sarai (later Sara), was taken into Pharaoh's house. The text says a plague came on Pharaoh and his house for having her there.

Sarai trusted her husband to be her protector yet when life became rough he used her as a shield. He betrayed her. We see that there is a consequence directly connected to Abram's actions.

Though we resist pain and discomfort, it important to see that sometimes the pain is for our own good. Had there not been a plague, it is possible the involved parties would not have known something was wrong.

Betrayal always hurts. However, let the tears and the broken heart be the plague that forces you to evaluate your marriage. Examine it to see what led to the disloyal action in the first place. As a couple, through prayers and seeking God, forgive, and allow God to restore the trust piece by piece until your marriage is stronger than it has ever been.