

# Fight for Your Marriage

## When Marriage is Hard - Part 3

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**“Pain is temporary, quitting is forever.”**

**It’s time to stop fighting each other and it’s time to fight for our marriage.**

*“<sup>3</sup>Some Pharisees approached Him to test Him. They asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on any grounds?’ <sup>4</sup>‘Haven’t you read,’ He replied, ‘that He who created them in the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>and He also said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’ <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, **what God has joined together, let no one separate.**” Matthew 19:3-6 (CSB)*

“The wedding is where you **TIE** the knot.  
Marriage is where you **TIGHTEN** the knot.” - Clayton King

## Four Ways to Fight for Your Marriage

### #1 - Recognize the real enemy

*“For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.” Ephesians 6:12 (CSB)*

“Don’t give the enemy a seat at your table.” - Louie Giglio

### #1 - Recognize the real enemy

### #2 - Celebrate your teammate

*“Therefore **encourage one another and build each other up** as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (CSB)*

**We need help mates, not hurt mates.**

**Affirmation goes a long way toward creating an atmosphere of acceptance and mutual affection.**

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### #2 - Celebrate your teammate

### #3 - Create a culture of please, sorry, thanks

*“Nothing opens doors like please. Nothing mends fences like sorry. Nothing builds bridges like thanks.” - Mark Batterson*

*“<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4 (CSB)*

**Please, sorry, thanks means, “I see you.”**

- #1 - Recognize the real enemy**
- #2 - Celebrate your teammate**
- #3 - Create a culture of please, sorry, thanks**
- #4 - Cultivate tough love**

*“It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”* 1 Corinthians 13:7 (CSB)

*Tough love is sacrificial*

*Tough love is unconditional*

*Tough love is covenantal*

*“Love never ends.”* 1 Corinthians 13:8 (CSB)