



TACTICAL MARRIAGE GUIDE

3 STRATEGIES
FOR VICTORY

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KNOW YOUR ENEMY

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For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

Notice how the scripture does not say that we fight against our SPOUSE.

It's difficult at times to wrap our heads around the fact that our spouse is NOT our enemy!

However, we do have a true enemy that is doing all he can to come between us, our joy, and our marriage. He is the prince of darkness, the ruler of the world, his name is Satan.

When we recognize this fact and decide to fight the true enemy together, that is when victory will be achieved.

During the midst of our battle years ago, Raymond was treating me like the enemy.

The Lord however, gave me (Leslie) the grace to recognize that my husband was not my enemy, even if he treated me like his.

The Holy Spirit allowed me to separate the sinner (my husband) from the sin (the narcissism, angry outbursts, etc.). That although he was acting like my enemy, he was not the enemy!

Instead, it was the generational curses on his life, the strongholds he was battling, the lies he was entertaining from Satan, the wrong decisions he was making, those were the enemy and that was who I was fighting against – not my husband!

Ask the Lord to allow you to see your spouse the way He does. To open your eyes to see the true enemy, the one who comes to steal, kill, and destroy all that is good, including your marriage.

Ask the Lord to allow you to come together and fight from the victory you have already been given in Christ Jesus.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10 NKJV



PRAYER

Father God, thank you for Your Word that instructs us and reveals Your truth to us. Thank you for my husband/wife, for my ally. Lord give me eyes to see him/her as You do. Give me compassion, understanding, and revelation that he/she is a gift from You to fill the shortcomings in my life.

As we move through this marriage journey, open our eyes to the true enemy. Lord, when begin to treat each other as the enemy, stop us in our tracks, and turn our attention to the root of the conflict. Lord, show us how to work together to achieve the victory You have specifically for us.

If there is something I need to repent of to my husband/wife, give me the strength and words to ask for forgiveness. Soften both of our hearts Lord, first to You, then to each other.

Father God, You have great plans for us, together. Show me how to fight with my husband/wife against the true enemy and not with them as the enemy. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen.

Strategy #1

MY SPOUSE IS MY ALLY AND NOT MY ENEMY!

Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12





02 KNOW YOUR WEAPONS

KNOW YOUR WEAPONS

We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

2 Corinthians 10: NLT

Now that your sights are on the true enemy, what are the weapons you and your spouse can use together to receive your victory?

Does proper communication, intimacy, or trust come to mind? Well, yes, those are fantastic tools but they are not "God's mighty weapons!"

God's mighty weapons include:

- His Word & Holy Spirit
- Prayer & Worship
- Forgiveness

As you each determine to use these weapons both individually and together, all those other tools will become easier to hone and incorporate into your lives.

But first, using God's mighty weapons will destroy the accusations, the strongholds, and bring unity, power, and allow the seemingly impossible to become possible.

These are the weapons, I (Leslie) was led to use during our marriage battle, through the revealing of infidelity, drug addiction, even separation.

These same weapons then became our weapons during reconciliation and even through today in our victory.

When you pray and worship, you are calling on the Lord to fight for you.

When you read His Word (the Bible) and are led by the Holy Spirit, you are changed, you are transformed into the image of Christ.

When you ask for forgiveness and extend forgiveness, you free yourself from bitterness, hurt, and anger. You also allow each other the space to become the man and woman that God created you to be.

Use God's mighty weapons, and "see the salvation of the Lord." In other words, experience your marriage like never before!

You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you,

2 Chronicles 20:17 NKJV



PRAYER

Father God, show us how to fight the battles in our marriage with Your weapons. Help me by Your Holy Spirit to be quick to ask for forgiveness when I say or do something to hurt my husband/wife.

Help me to extend forgiveness when my husband/wife does something to hurt me...Lord, help me to extend that forgiveness even if they fail to ask for it.

Lord, show us how we can carve out time to seek You together, to pray and worship together. Align our schedules, align our desire to use Your weapons together.

Thank you Lord for giving us Your Holy Spirit who is our comforter, who intercedes for us when we don't have the words, and who gives us the strength to use Your weapons against the enemy of our souls. Lord, You have a beautiful purpose for our marriage.

You are a good, good Father. Thank you for hearing our cries to You, thank you for fighting for us, thank you for changing me, thank you for healing our hearts and for mending us together as one.

In Jesus name, I pray, amen.

Strategy #2

USE GOD'S MIGHTY WEAPONS!

But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:15 NKJV





03

STAY ON
TARGET

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Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13 NIV

Now that you are armed with the right weapons to attack the true enemy, how do you remain on target with all that life throws at you?

Here are some practical ways:

God wrote the playbook for life and marriage. If you want to be successful, you've got to know the Creator's intentions. Therefore, **read the Bible everyday**. Even if it is just a verse.

Be intentional about putting your marriage ahead of everything except your relationship with God. We often take our spouse for granted. Work, the kids, our extended families, even our hobbies and friends can take precedence over our spouse. You've got to be intentional to make your spouse the priority, even over yourself.

Hold yourself accountable for the health of your marriage. The only person you truly have control over is you, so take control of yourself and your marriage.

When things get stressful or tough, **remind yourself that your spouse is NOT your enemy**, you are allies fighting against the same enemy. Take time to step away if needed to bring your mind back into that perspective.

Then determine to **put your sights on the true enemy**, come together as one before God and allow Him to guide you as to how to address the issue together.

Surround yourself with a like-minded community. God did not create us to do life or marriage alone. This community should provide accountability, edification, encouragement, and opportunities to grow closer and stronger as a couple.

If you don't have this community yet, we here at **Three Cord Marriage** invite you to be a part of our marriage community.

Remember, you are IN THE FIGHT TOGETHER!

So I run with purpose in every step.
I am not just shadowboxing.

1 Corinthians 9:26 NLT



PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, show me how to keep my sights aimed on the right target, in the direction of the things You have for me, for my husband/wife, for our family. Keep distractions away from me. Give me creative ways to show my husband/wife how they are number one in my life, after you. Allow me to recognize when I have moved off target in any area of my marriage and correct my aim. My desire is to hit the mark, the mark You have created for us in our marriage.

Father God, make me ready, equip me through Your Word, and by Your Holy Spirit to be the husband/wife that You intended me to be. Surround us with a community that will strengthen us through Your truth. Thank You Lord, for giving me a husband/wife that makes me better. I love, honor, praise You and pray this in Jesus name, amen.

Strategy #3

READY, AIM, FIRE!
STAY ON TARGET.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 NLT



ABOUT THE AUTHORS



Reverends Raymond and Leslie Funk have been married for 15 years and for many of those years have been leaders in marriage ministry within their local church in Orlando, FL.

Their commitment and passion for healthy marriages stems from the victory they have had in their own. Through it all, they've been able to overcome infidelity, addiction, separation, broken trust, emotional and verbal abuse, anger...the list goes on...so much so, that their marriage is now one neither thought possible.

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- DEFEND THE FAMILY
- TRANSFORM THE NATIONS

OUR PURPOSE

To serve the marriages on the front lines
of Kingdom & Country.



EMBOLDEN

and Unify couples through dynamic
EXPERIENCE

EQUIP

couples to thrive by providing
strategic RESOURCES

EMPOWER

couples in their purpose through
COMMUNITY

OUR VISION

To see a world transformed, by the influence
of marriages lived out the way God intended.



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THE ALLIANCE COMMUNITY

Pastors, missionaries, first responders, and other selfless leaders give so much to others—but too often their marriages suffer in silence. **The Alliance Community, our monthly donor movement, empowers us to boldly reach them, restore hope, and protect the families who serve our communities. Join the movement**—honor those who serve by strengthening their marriages, defending their families, and empowering them to transform nations.



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