



SOLVING THE RELATIONSHIP RUBIK'S CUBE

When the Pieces of My Marriage Don't Fit Together January 22 & 23, 2022

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Blending a family should be done with great care and sacrifice.

Blending families is hard work, so you must:

- Recognize the family is born out of loss, failure, hurt, and grief.
- Remember every family member has ingrained habits and built in values.
- Resist the natural conflict between step-parent and step-child.
- Reset your foundation as best you can.

Philippians 2:3-4 (TPT)

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6 Walls to Protect Against Divorce:

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Matthew 5:28 (TPT)

"However, I say to you, if you look with lust in your eyes at a woman who is not your wife, you've already committed adultery in your heart."

2 Blue wall - Heavenly minded

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

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4 Orange wall - Driven by excellence

Matthew 5:48 (MSG)

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"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

6 Yellow wall - Surrendered to God

Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

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