





**the OT background**  
**God's ideal...one man, one**  
**woman for life**

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**The ideal BROKEN...  
sin's shattering affects**

**the NT teaching**

**the words of Christ...  
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**the words of Paul...  
ABANDONMENT is an  
exception**

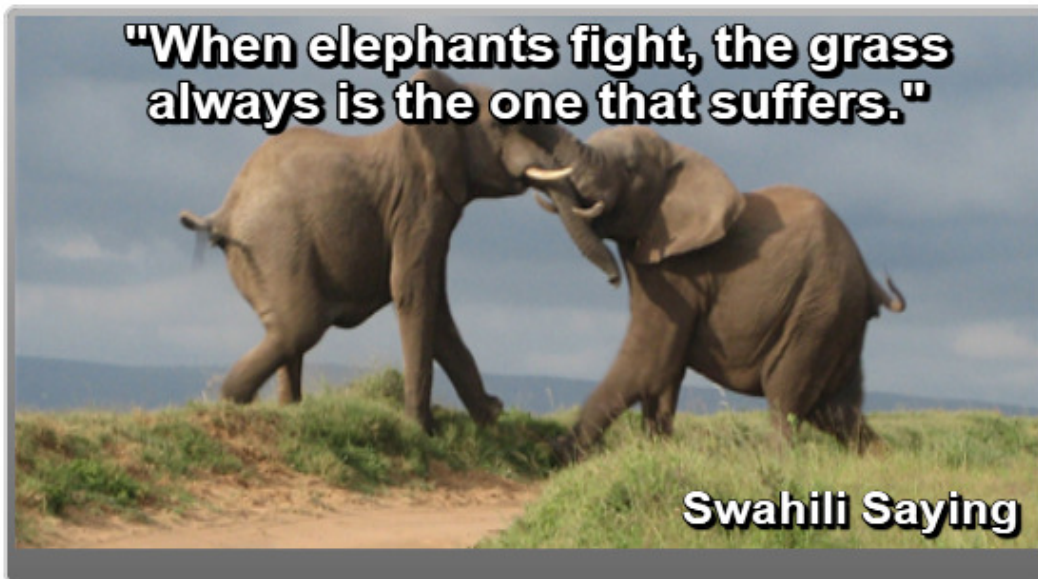
**"There are a lot of marriages  
today that break up just at the  
point where they could mature  
and deepen. We are taught to  
quit when it hurts.**

**But often, it is the times of pain that produce the most growth in a relationship."**

**Madeleine L'Engle**

**"What upsets me most about my parents' divorce is the hurt that you get down deep."**

**Candace, age 8**



**What if I've disobeyed the  
biblical pattern?**

**Seek FORGIVENESS...  
first from God, then from others**

**What if I've disobeyed the  
biblical pattern?**

**Accept FORGIVENESS...  
don't be a higher tribunal than  
God**

**What if I've disobeyed the  
biblical pattern?**

**Seek RECONCILIATION...  
if re-marriage has not occurred**

**What if I've disobeyed the  
biblical pattern?**

**Stay PURE**

**What if I've disobeyed the  
biblical pattern?**

**Follow God's COMMAND in  
a new relationship**



**OBEY the biblical**  
**MANDATE**  
**not your**  
**FEELINGS!**



## **How to divorce proof your marriage:**

**A woman needs:**

**S**ecure

**P**rotected

**E**njoyed

**C**ourted

**I**ntimate

**A**ppreciated

**L**ed

**A man needs:**

**C**omforted

**H**onored

**E**xalted

**R**espected

**I**ntimate

**S**ecure

**H**appy

**"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."**

**Genesis 2:24**