

***Your
BEST INVESTMENT
For 2009***

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- Your Marriage
- Setting the Stage

- Female INSTALLING SOFTWARE
- Dear Tech Support ,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed,

Desperate.

DEAR DESPERATE ,

First, keep in mind that Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command: ihoughtyoulovedme.html and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, I Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, **DO NOT** under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources).

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck!
Tech Support

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"I think I can make you very happy if I can get funded."

Genesis 3:1-10

Now the Serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will surely die.'"

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so the sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

The Situation We Face

- Genesis 2:18 "It isn't good that man should be alone"
- We are built for attaching both vertically and horizontally
- Enter "The Shinning One" Genesis 3
- Adam's failure
- Eve's Failure
- Satan's plan

Do you know your enemy?

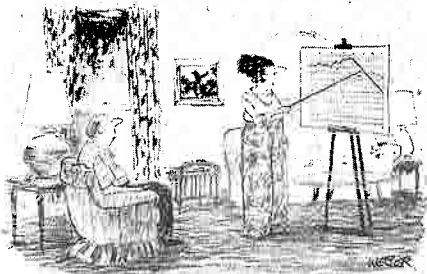
- At your marriage ceremony did anyone say...
- Marriage is about conflict
- Marriage is about power struggles
- Marriage is about growing up

- Langford's Law
 - "We are all just 24 hours from being released from headship"
- Two types of problems in marriage

God's Design

- Christ's relationship to us is like a marriage (Ephesians 5:25)
- How much does God value marriage?
- Roles in the Family
- Why we need Husbands & Fathers?
- Why we need to be different in this era

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"This line represents my expectations."



"Now, according to this agreement, his problems will be your problems, and your problems will be your problems."

What we know

- Men are
 - Defensive
 - Prepared with a chip on their shoulders
 - Problem solvers not listeners
 - Sensitive to 'respect' issues
 - Sensitive to power struggles
 - Afraid to be wrong
 - Fearful of failure or shame

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"It's got to come out, of course, but that doesn't address the deeper problem."

Communication

- Criticism
- Defensiveness
- Contempt
- Stonewalling

- Complaints
- 5:1 Ratio

- Questions
- If you were Adam, what would you have said to Eve?
- On the Scale of Controlling to Passive-where do you tend to be?
- What complaints do you take personally as criticisms?
