

Never Give Up  
From This Day Forward  
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Lamentations 3:19-23 TLB

Question: Are great relationships possible?

I. Five Principles

1. **SEEK GOD**
2. **FIGHT FAIR**
3. **HAVE FUN**
4. **STAY PURE**
5. **NEVER GIVE UP**

II. Never give up - Matthew 19:3-6

- Marriage is a **COVENANT** not a **CONTRACT** - Luke 22:20
- 1. Covenant is based on mutual **COMMITMENT**; contract is based on mutual **DISTRUST**
- 2. Covenant **SURRENDERS** rights and assumes responsibility; contract **PROTECTS** right and shirks responsibility
- 3. Covenant has the **INTEREST OF THE OTHER** in mind; contract has **PERSONAL CONVENIENCE** in mind

III. From this day forward - Malachi 2:16 NLT

1. We will **MAKE THE CHOICE** to love - Colossians 3:14 NLT
2. We will **PRIORITIZE** our relationship - Galatians 6:7-9 NIV
3. We will **TRUST** God - Psalms 127:1 GNT