



# SUN GROVE CHURCH

## "Assembly Required – Marriage & Faithfulness"

*(Proverbs 5)*

### Seeing Relational Discontent Play Out

- You see the relational connection others have with their spouse.
- You begin to entertain the thoughts, "My spouse is not really all that I hoped for."
- You meet someone else and think they're fun and you really enjoy being with that person.
- Most of the time a marriage is dismantled with a series of decisions.
- Proverbs 5:1-4
- Very few set out to intentionally wreck our most valuable relationships.

### How to Demolish a Marriage in 4 Steps

#### Neglect your spouse

- Take your marriage for granted.
- Find something outside your marriage to give the majority of your energy.
- To ruin a marriage, invest the majority of your best energy into anything but your marriage.

#### Avoid all intimacy

- Don't talk openly.
- Strive to become roommates.
- Avoid sexual intimacy.
- If you do have physical intimacy, make sure it is boring and predictable.

### Bond emotionally with someone else

- Do something you enjoy together, then opening up to them.
- Anticipate the time with them.



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## Flirt whenever possible with others

- Make excuses and rationalize your actions.
- Tell yourself, "I deserve it because my spouse doesn't meet my needs."
- Proverbs 5:5
- What God seeks is to unite; our spiritual enemy schemes to divide.

## Ways to Assemble a Marriage

### Keep far from temptation

- Proverbs 5:8-10
- Guard your heart, eyes, and mind.

### Watch with whom you are alone

- Whoever the wrong people would be for you, don't be alone with them.
- Don't talk badly about your marriage with anyone you think is attractive.
- Ignore the exes you've dated.
- Guard yourself at work.

### Invest wholeheartedly in your marriage

- Proverbs 5:15-20
- Whenever the grass starts to look greener somewhere else, it's time to water your own yard.

### Get Emotionally Healthy

- Spend time together and share your spiritual life.
- Join a Circle Group for support.
- If you are in trouble, seek Christian counseling.
- What God makes new can be better than anything you ever imagined before.