

## **Living a Limitless Marriage By Ryan & Nissa Andrews January 19, 2020**

US Census Bureau in 2019 showed an ever-increasing divorce rate of 53%  
- There was a divorce every 6 seconds last year.

**W. Bradford Wilcox, a leading sociologist at the University of Virginia and director of the National Marriage Project finds that.** “Nominally attending conservative Protestants are 20 percent more likely to divorce, compared to secular Americans.”

**Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Passion translation:** “Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you.”

### **OUR STORY**

Ryan’s revelation -> Ryan & Nissa in the Bedroom -> Our Resolution

We had laid the groundwork for this quick transition.

**How did we change** - We literally decided to do things differently (we repented and took on the higher thought)

### **MAIN POINT**

There are many things that limit us from having a dream marriage. We don’t have a lot of time so we’re going to focus on 3 that we feel are the top limiters.

### **1. TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Prov. 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

## PARABLE OF THE SOWER

**Mark 4:3-8 & 13** “Listen *to this!* Behold, the sower went out to sow; as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. Other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. Other *seeds* fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?”

### **Matthew 13:18-23**

#### **THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER EXPLAINED**

“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

## **2. BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF TRUTH - BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES.**

**James 1:22** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Not Able to Hear the Truth  
Not Applying the Truth

## **3. PRACTICE UNSELFISHNESS**

**UNSELFISHNESS** - doesn't mean self-less, there's a big difference.

***Unselfish*** - willing to put the needs or wishes of others before ones own.

***Selfless*** - concerned MORE with the needs of others than ones own.

My feelings are more important than yours. Are your actions conveying that message then the person is

### **TOOL: CHANGE YOUR MIND**

How do you break a pattern? You renew your mind.

Transformed by the renewing of our minds.

### **Isaiah 55:8-9**

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## ALL MARRIAGES GO THROUGH THE FIRE

The fire is what makes us into pure gold and a solid connected couple.

**James 1:2-4** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If you want your marriage to lack nothing, then you need to let the perfect work of Jesus happen in your life.