

The Way Out Is Through

One very important fact to know in marriage is that there is always a way out. And the way out is not divorce. No, the way out in marriage (no matter how bad things may get) is simply to put everything we have back on the line, our whole hearts and lives, just as we did the moment we took our vows.

We must return to an attitude of total abandonment, of throwing all our natural caution and defensiveness to the winds and putting ourselves entirely in the hands of love by an act of the will.

There is an old bit of wise and practical marital advice, often quoted, suggesting that couples who begin to feel themselves "out of love" should return to doing the sort of things they did together when they were in love. Originally we did these things only with the help of God's gift of an enormous groundswell of fervent motivation and natural attraction in our hearts. But God is not interested, ultimately, in natural attraction. He wants us to come to know the supernatural attraction of His own sort of love.

– Mike Mason, from his book
The Mystery of Marriage

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