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Divorce is where two adults take everything that matters to a child - the child's home, family, security, and sense of being loved and protected - and they smash it all up, leave it in ruins on the floor, then walk out and leave the child to clean up the mess.

Michael Reagan
(adopted son of Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman) discussing his parents' divorce

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The BULLETIN INSERT for November encourages couples to seek and give forgiveness as well as listing several marriage nurturing opportunities.

The CLASS LIST for November offers many opportunities for couples desiring to encourage their relationship. Will you be offering classes/seminars that

A RESOURCE FOR COUNSELORS

Help for Therapists and Their Clients in Dealing With Affairs Based on the responses from people whose spouses had affairs. By Peggy Vaughan, internationally recognized expert in the area of extramarital affairs. (Dear Peggy.com, Report Summary, or Free e-book)

MARRIAGES ON CRUISE CONTROL

Love Lessons From the Boomers As divorce rate soars for the over-50 set, some lessons for keeping a marriage intact, whatever age you are. (By Heidi Stevens, Imperial Valley (El Centro, CA) Press)

NOVEMBER FEATURED VIDEO

The Marriage of Your Dreams Book Trailer A delightfully humorous introduction to the book by Rick Johnson, local author and Executive Director of Better Dads
Your prayers and financial help to strengthen marriage are greatly appreciated.

Patty Chambers, Secretary/Treasurer for Every Marriage Matters, and husband Bob

MARITAL RESEARCH

95 Social Science Reasons for Religious Worship and Practice U.S. federal data repeatedly make clear that the practice of religion is a great public and private good. (Pat Fagan, Marriage and Religion Research Institute)

What do couple relationships have to do with infant mental health and secure attachment? What is "attachment" and why does it matter? (The Tavistock Center for Couple Relationships)

COHABITATION AND AFFAIRS

Should You Be Shacking Up? Before moving in together, consider the pros and cons of living with your guy. (By Pamela Hanson, Woman's Health Magazine)

Couples and Infidelity Three basic patterns in the way couples reorganize themselves after an infidelity are identified. (Esther Perel (Author of Mating in Captivity), Council for Relationships)

MARRIAGE ENCOURAGEMENT

Christian Living: Getting Spouses on Board You have the opportunity to impact your marriage in a vastly positive way, but you have to do it. (Dave Ramsey, CrossWalk.com)

Date Night Explosion You’re challenged to put Date Night back on the calendar. (First Things First, Chattanooga)

How to Build a Strong Marriage in the Real World It’s definitely realistic to build a strong marriage in the real world - and God will help you and your spouse do so when you rely on Him to empower you. (Whitney Hopler,
HURDLES IN MARRIAGE

Interracial and One in Christ Because of the gospel, our differences bring us together. (Trillia Newbell, Today's Christian Woman)

The Athlete Mixed Marriage John and I are an athlete mixed marriage. He is one - and how - and I'm not - at all. (Pamela Haag, Huffington Post blog)

RESOURCES TO PASS ALONG

Dads Should Lead on Thanksgiving With a little effort, dads can lead the way to recovering the original intent of the holiday. (Daniel Darling, CrossWalk.com)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

New reasons to say "I don't" Premarital doubts often result in early divorce. Before calling off any weddings, couples might simply try a little raw honesty. (By Kevin Charles Redmon, Pacific Standard Magazine)

MILITARY MARRIAGE

Ralph Lynn Remarried His Best Friend Though I may always stumble, I have the courage of a soldier to ask for any help I may need to better myself, my life, my marriage and my family. (By Fatherhood Channel)

PARENTING / YOUTH MINISTRY
Remarriage, the second divorce and the relationship tangle The good of the children is not always uppermost in the minds of adults contemplating remarriage; it really should be. (Carolyn Moynihan, Mercator.net)

Sexting Linked to Increased Sexual Activity in Teens Of the teens who used cellphones, fifteen percent reported sexting -- sending and receiving sexually explicit text messages. (By Julielynn Wong, M.D., ABC News Medical Unit)

Teen oral sex rates reflect a 'hierarchical reordering' Two-thirds of teens and young adults have had oral sex -- about as many as have had vaginal intercourse. (By Karen Weintraub, USA Today)

PARTING WORDS

Confessions of a Young Widow: The Little Things I Miss About Being Married Look for the good in your spouse-you cannot expect perfection, no matter who you are married to. (by Sabrina Beasley, FamilyLife)

The Truth About Love David and Teresa Ferguson found that the heart of a marriage lies in the heart of the gospel. (Caryn D. Rivadeneira, Today's Christian Woman)

Wisdom from e-Mail If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she'll never turn into an old nag.

You are awesome! It's great to be on His team together. Respectfully,

Tom Dressel