



WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE...

We've designed this course for you. The purpose is to help you make a wise decision. You will not hear us tell you to divorce or not to divorce. That decision is your decision. We will try to help you understand your options and the impact of your decision. You must weigh your decision against the back drop of moral commitments, spirituality, life goals, financial concerns, the affect on children, etc.

We will explore the help that may be available to you to turn your marriage crisis from an opportunity for failure to an opportunity for a wholesome and fulfilling relationship. We will explore questions such as: What causes marriages to fail? And more importantly, what do people in successful marriages do to make them successful? What causes conflict? If we are locked into a dysfunction pattern of trying to force our will on the other partner (war-making), how do we switch to cooperation and peacemaking? What if one partner recognizes the crisis and wants to work on



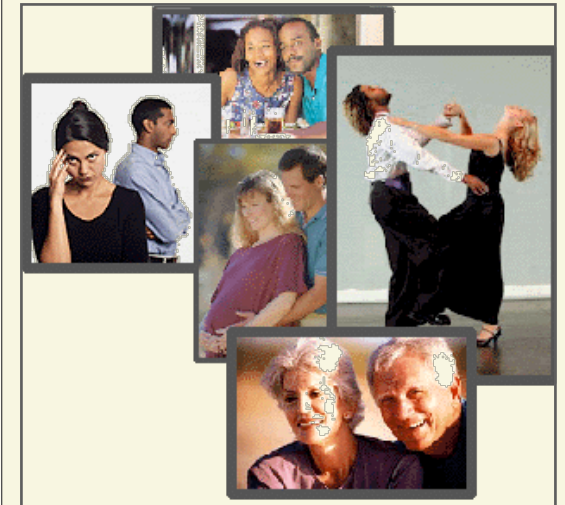
the relationship and the other does not? How can a marriage and family counselor or a mediator help?

This course also offers information about the divorce process and introduces you to basic divorce law. The more adversarial your divorce, the more the divorce will consume your emotional and financial resources. Children are adversely affected by conflict between the parents. This course offers tips on how to reduce the adversarial tenor of the divorce.



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Lon Marshall is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. He has been helping families for nearly 22 years. He has extensive experience in the area of marriage counseling and dispute resolution. His clients appreciate his caring, and solution-focused approach.



Daniel Willems is an attorney, mediator and arbitrator. He has practiced family law for 23 years. His experience is in the area of conflict resolution and transformative mediation. He is known for his patient, attentive, peacemaking approach.

I view my profession as an avenue of service. Times of conflict are defining moments in a person's life. While I am concerned for my clients rights and financial well being, I am also concerned how the conflict will define their character and the person they will become. Values are tested and developed in times of conflict.

Daniel Willems

Finding Help...

You're married. At your wedding you joined your life with a person you loved and who you thought loved you. You looked forward to a life together - full of adventure, romance, love making, shared responsibilities and benefits, and perhaps children. Something has happened between now and then. Perhaps you face persistent or fierce conflict. Perhaps you find yourself going in different directions. Perhaps the bonds of affection have eroded. Perhaps there has been infidelity. If you are reading this brochure you are probably wondering: "should I divorce?"

The crises in your marriage are opportunities. Doctors will tell you that the pain your body experiences is an important symptom of some injury or disease process. Pain forces you to pay attention and to try to deal with the underlying problem. Sometimes you can take an aspirin and get some rest. Sometimes you may need the help of a doctor, a therapist and special medicines. And then, there are times you may need major surgery. The crisis in your marriage is a wake up call. The first opportunity of a crisis is the opportunity to recognize a need for a solution. The second opportunity of the crisis is to identify and treat the problem. The third opportunity of the crisis is to become a better person and a better couple. Crises challenge our values, priorities, and our spirituality. Without crises and challenges we do not grow to be better people. In marriage, your crises are the doorway to a more wholesome and fulfilling relationship.

Marriages do not fail because the couple has crises or problems. It's NORMAL to have difficulties of one sort or another in marriage. Marriages end up in divorce when there is no hope of a solution to the problems. One or both marriage partners may have exhausted their personal skills and resources.

Should I Divorce? will help you understand the resources available to preserve your marriage or reduce the destructive effects of divorce on all involved. Register today for the next seminar date.

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