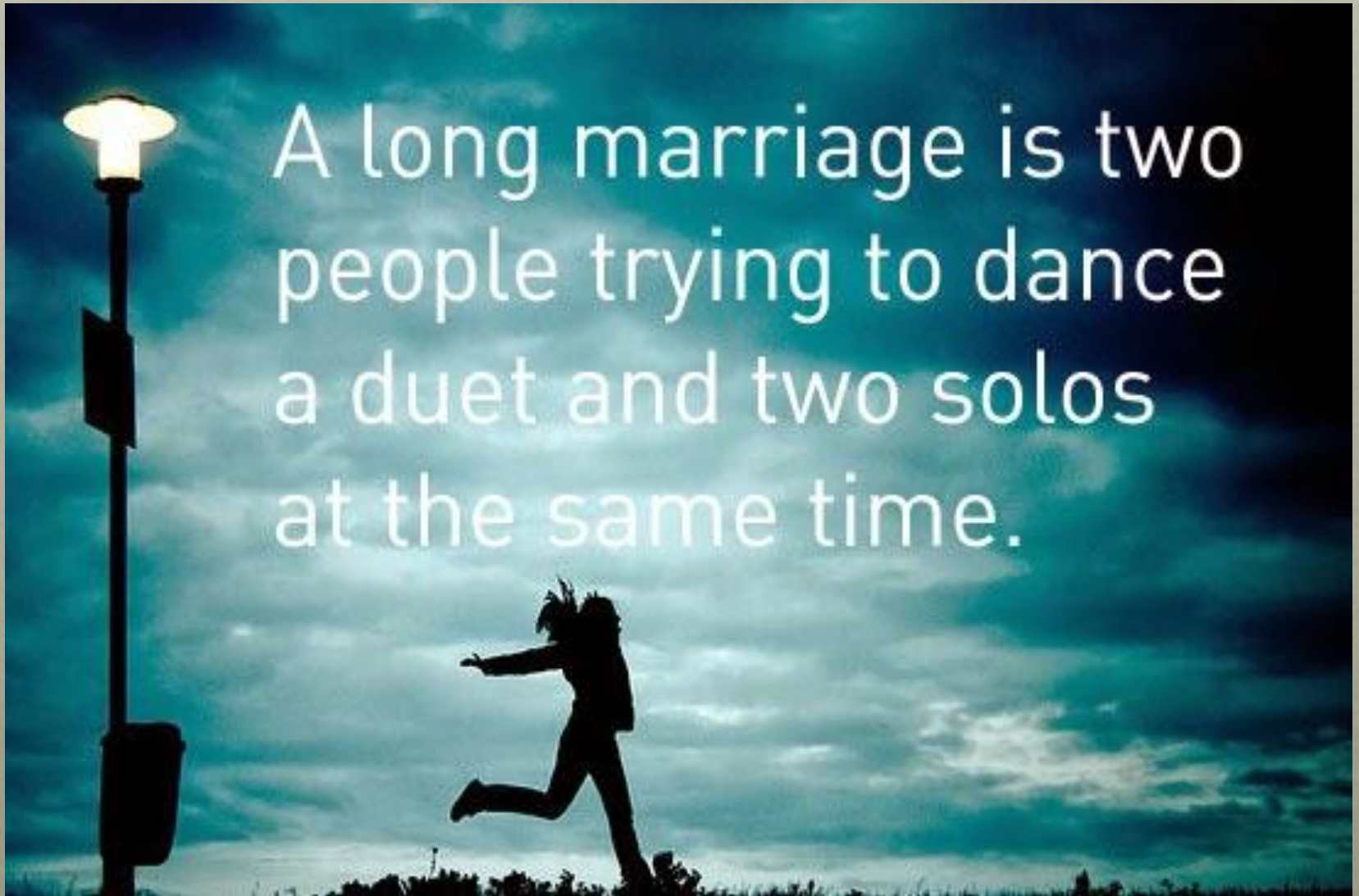


THE DANCE OF MARRIAGE

The Basics

A long marriage is two people trying to dance a duet and two solos at the same time.



Some disclaimers:

1. This list is basic and not comprehensive.
There are many things we should do and can do to help our marriages. These are basic
2. My preaching this message does not mean I am a great or even decent husband
3. My preaching this message does not mean that I practice these points perfectly
4. These principles are true regardless of your situation

3 R's of Marriage

Ephesians 5:22 - 33

1. Respect

✧ For Husbands

Never belittle your wives

Never ever use force, emotional or physical

Do not let your anger grow to bitterness or even rage

✧ For wives

Respect

Respond - no silent treatment/shoulder
with holding sex

One woman said, “I willingly submit to my
husband if he doesn’t cross me.”

**There is no “As long as” in submission.
There is instead an “As unto the Lord”**

2. Romance

**Men and women definitely define romance
differently**

Guys think of romance as _____!

Ladies think about connecting, communication, embraces (not always leading to sex) – Someone once said that love making begins in the kitchen.

Guys say, “I’m just not romantic – here are some tips:

- Become interested in what her interest are
- Do unexpected gestures
- Be thoughtful

- Express your love in non-physical ways
- Show appreciation for her
- Sacrifice and do without in order to provide her needs and desires
- Put her first

A husbands love must be:

- Sacrificial
- Selfless
- Sanctifying
- Sensitive

Ladies:

- Recognize his efforts
- Never belittle his attempts at romance
- If you shoot him down enough times, he quits trying
- Show him you love him in ways he can recognize (He doesn't want a card)

3. Responsibility

Whose job is it anyway? 50/50

- It's not my fault – He/she started it
- When she starts submitting, I'll start loving

- When he starts loving me I'll start submitting

Does this sound familiar? No progress in our marriages will ever be made until we take responsibility for ourselves.