

# 7 WARNING SIGNS IN MARRIAGE

E P I S O D E   F O U R





# INTRODUCTION

The topic of divorce is a taboo discussion in some parts of the contemporary church because it appears too negative and void of faith. The truth is that life is messy and God does not shy away from darkness, disappointment and devastation. He engages.



# INTRODUCTION

**The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters...**

**Before He brings in the Light, God engages with the void, the darkness and the mess.**



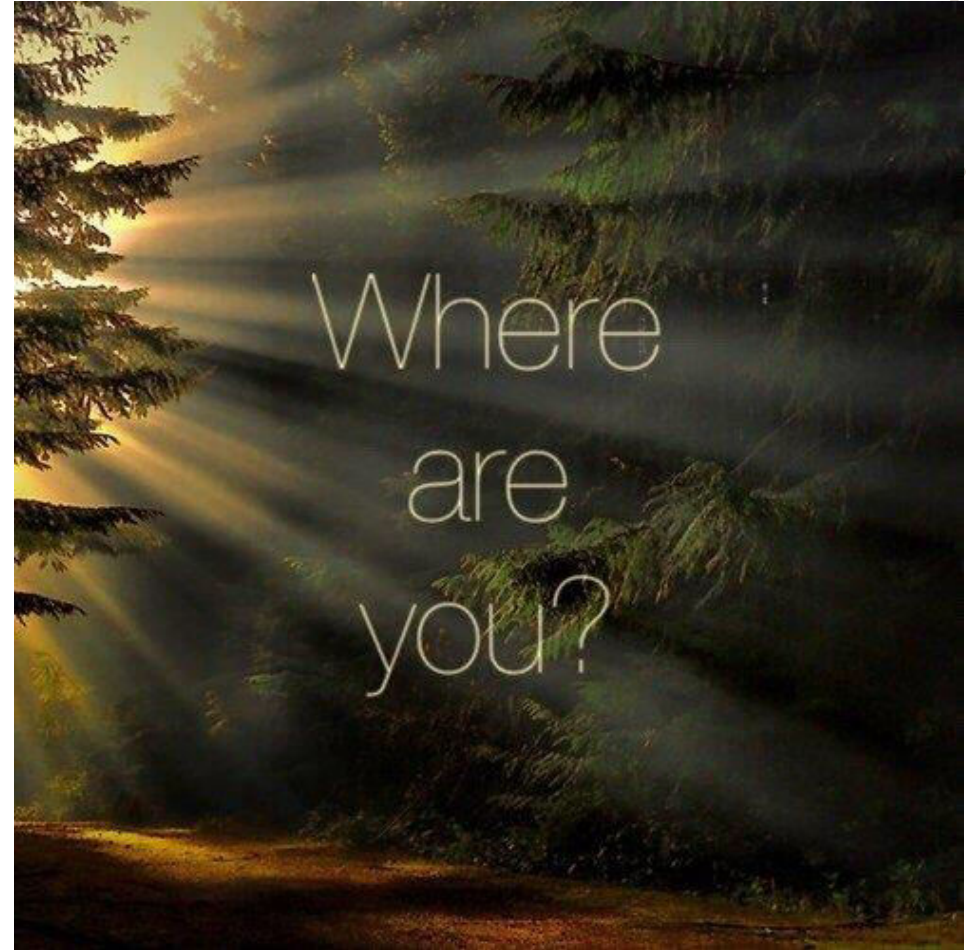
# INTRODUCTION- Proverbs 27:12

A sensible person sees danger and takes cover; the inexperienced keep going and are punished.

The clever see trouble coming and hide; the thoughtless go on and pay the penalty. CJB

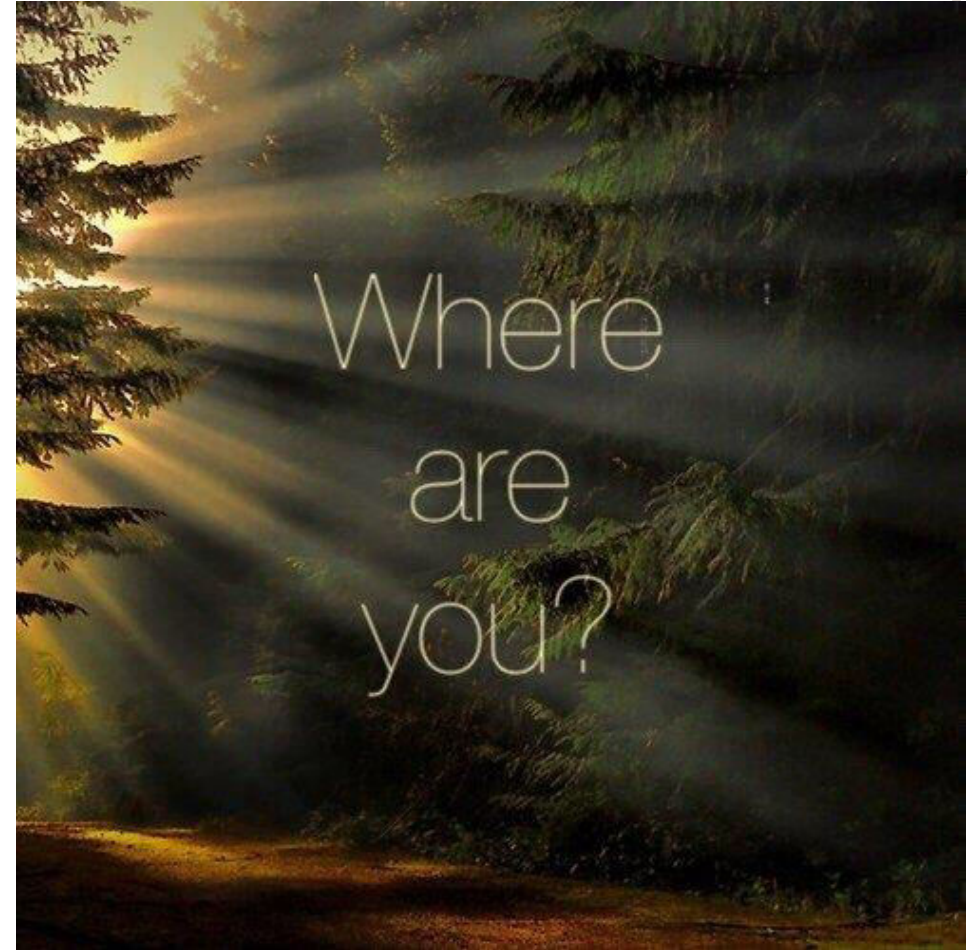
Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later. GNT

**HIDING...**





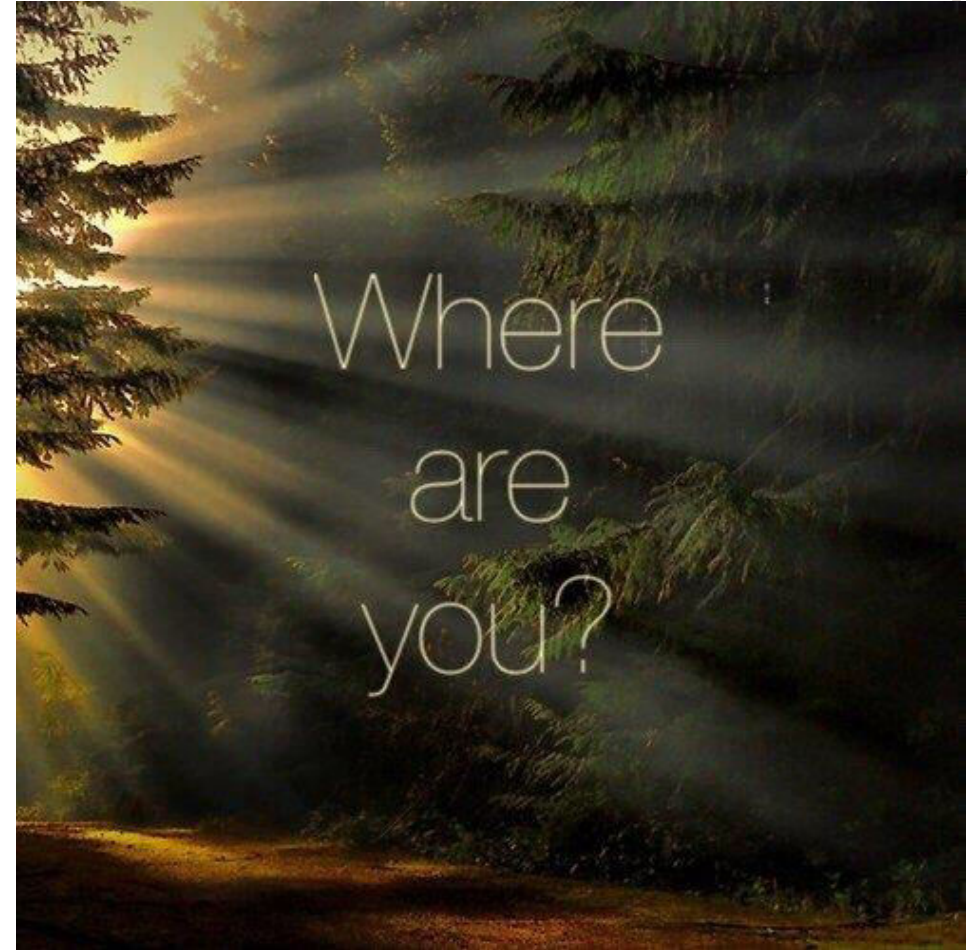
<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day, so the man and his wife hid *and* kept themselves hidden from the [d]presence of the LORD God.  
Genesis 3:8

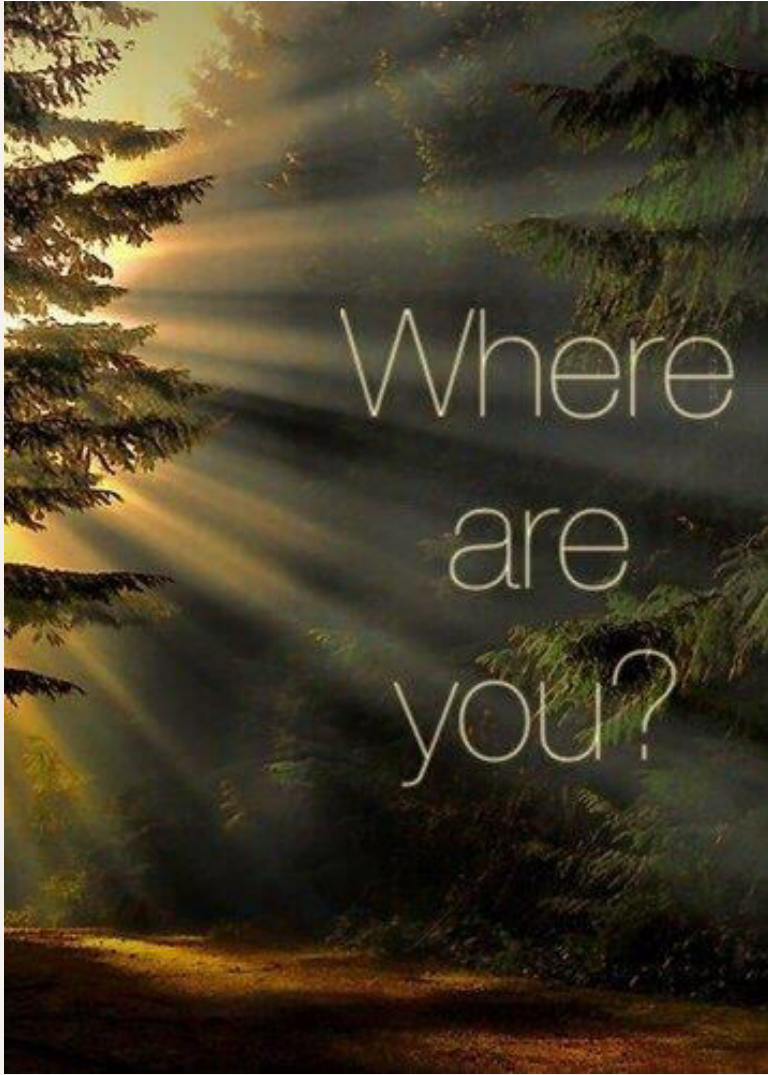


**When you are in conflict or at loggerheads with your spouse, your communion with the Lord WILL be affected.**

**We thus begin this cat and mouse game in our hearts with the LORD.  
You can pray but you can't REALLY PRAY!**

**This is one of the first invisible signs that things are not well when this persists.**



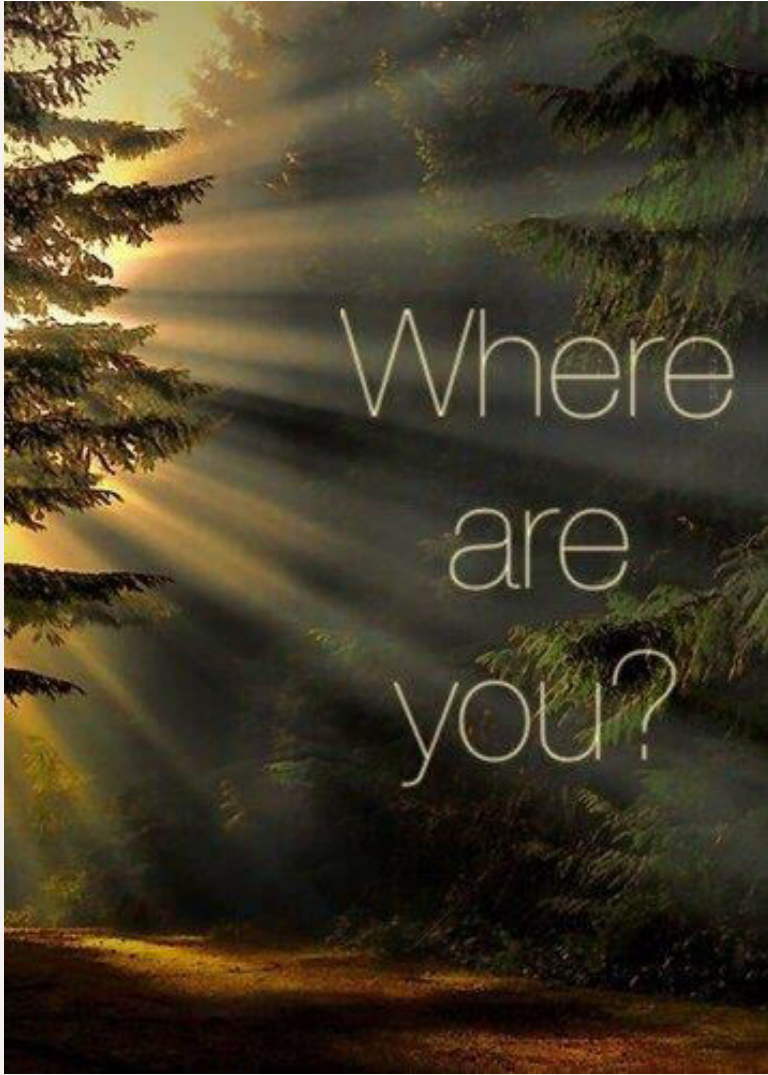


## Where are You...?

<sup>23</sup> Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24





## Where are You...?

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me

Revelation 3:20

ANGER



When anger  
becomes a  
permanent tenant in  
your heart, your  
marriage is in  
trouble.



<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you furious? And why do you look despondent? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, won’t you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup> Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.”<sup>[b]</sup> And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Genesis 4





**If you find yourself thinking of ways to avenge or get back at your spouse, constantly, there might be a problem.**

**If your anger waxes and wanes but persists, you need help.**

**Anger is a warning sign that something is wrong. You can be angry but not sin. If anger persists, you **will** do something wrong.**

**It's a rule**



When Anger is  
around  
something must  
die!







BROKEN TRUST





If the foundations  
are destroyed,  
What can the  
righteous do?  
Psalms 11:3





Do not let loyalty and  
faithfulness forsake  
you; bind them round  
your neck, write them  
on the tablet of your  
heart. Proverbs 3:3



Let love and faithfulness  
never leave you; bind  
them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of  
your heart

Proverbs3:3





Without Faith it is  
impossible to please  
God. Without Trust, it is  
impossible to have a  
happy marriage.

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- You have a gut feeling somethings off
- You are half paranoid
- You constantly have to verify things or check out things they say or do.
- There are too many half truths or 'white lies'
- There are lots of accusations
- You discover things rather than being told upfront





# THIRD PARTIES





Marriage is a bond between two  
people NOT a Crowd.

A large field of white umbrellas, with one blue umbrella standing out in the center. The umbrellas are arranged in a grid-like pattern, receding into the distance. The blue umbrella is the focal point, positioned slightly to the right of the center. The text "Too many cooks mess up the kitchen!!" is overlaid in white on the lower half of the image.

Too many cooks mess up the  
kitchen!!



In-laws' involvement

Old friends' advice

Too many counsellors

Wrong Influencing Voices



Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the LORD God had made.

And [a]the serpent (Satan) said to the woman, “Can it really be that God has said, ‘You shall not eat from [b]any tree of the garden’?”

Genesis 3

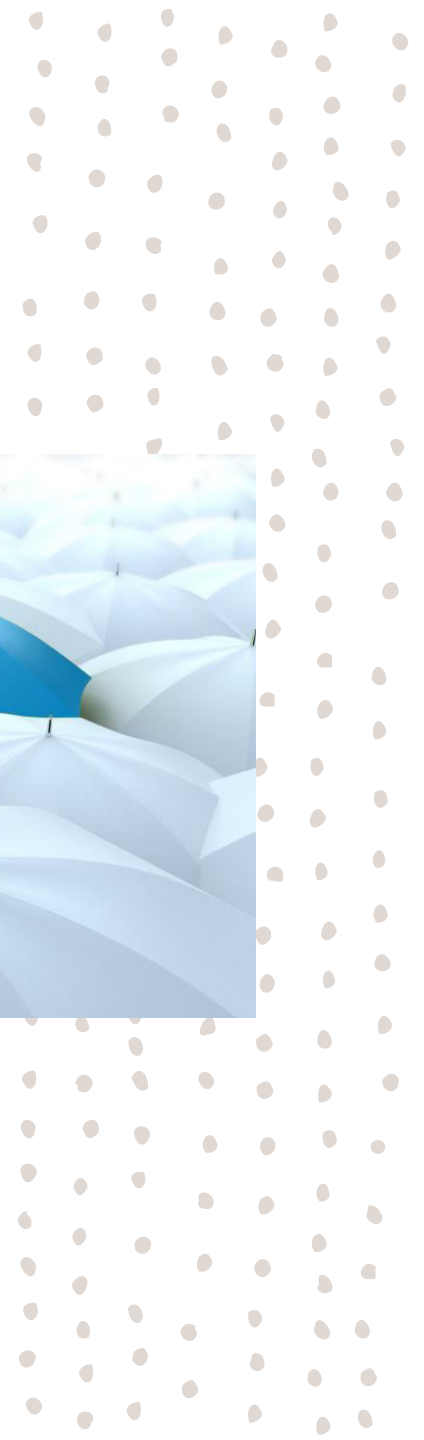


When other people outside the marriage know things, they shouldn't know before you, something is wrong.

When too many messages, texts, emails, voicenotes and gossip spreads around your private marriage matters, something is wrong.

When you are being pull from one pillar to other posts and so many people have an idea how best to fix your relationship, something is wrong.

When you feel exposed and not protected by your partner, something is wrong.





TENDERNESS....YOU  
ARE FIRED!





with all humility [forsaking self-righteousness], and gentleness [maintaining self-control], with patience, bearing with one another <sup>in</sup> [unselfish] love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the bond of peace [each individual working together to make the whole successful].

Ephesians 4:2-3

Tenderness for a  
Woman is when a MAN  
AFFIRMING  
AFFECTIONATE  
ATTENTIVE





Tenderness for a Man is  
when a Woman is  
HONOURING  
RESPECTFUL  
MINISTERS TO HIM



Laughter is one of the signs that Tenderness is present in a relationship.



When You stop laughing  
together, check your  
Marriage







**INTIMACY...GONE!**

## INTIMACY...

As much as Sex is one of the cardinal rules in the Marriage Covenant, Intimacy is much more than sex.

In fact, the better your intimacy, the better the sex because your bodies just mirror your soul harmony.

Soul Harmony equates to sexual symphony.





# INTIMACY...

- . My beloved spoke, and said to me: “Rise up, my love, my fair one,  
And come away. <sup>11</sup> For lo, the winter is past,  
The rain is over *and* gone. <sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove  
Is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth her green figs,  
And the vines *with* the tender grapes Give a *good* smell.  
Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!
- <sup>14</sup> “O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,  
In the secret *places* of the cliff,  
Let me see your cface,  
Let me hear your voice;  
For your voice *is* sweet, Song of Solomon 2





## INTIMACY...

Your lips, O *my* spouse,

Drip as the honeycomb;

Honey and milk *are* under your tongue;

And the fragrance of your garments

*Is* like the fragrance of Lebanon.



## INTIMACY...

If sex stops altogether or is very infrequent, something is wrong...

Especially if there is no sickness or the couple are healthy enough irrespective of age.



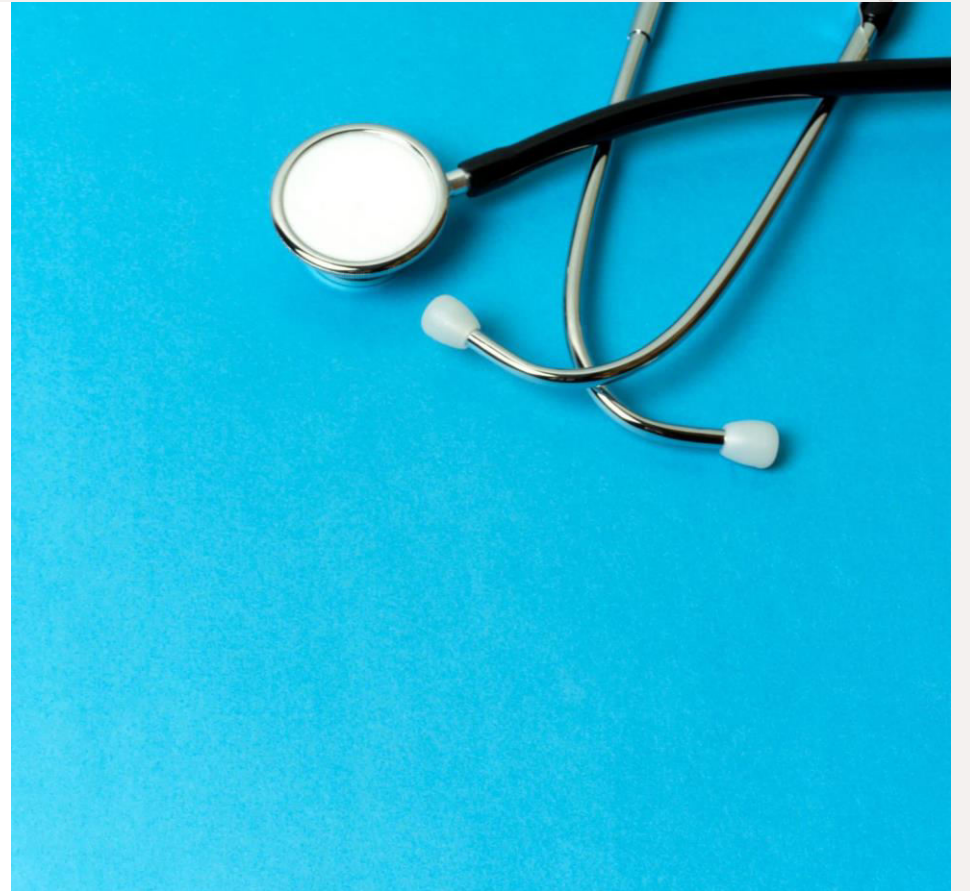
AFFAIRS...





<sup>6</sup>None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I *am* the LORD. <sup>7</sup> The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She *is* your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>8</sup> The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it *is* your father's nakedness. <sup>9</sup> The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, *whether* born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

Leviticus 18



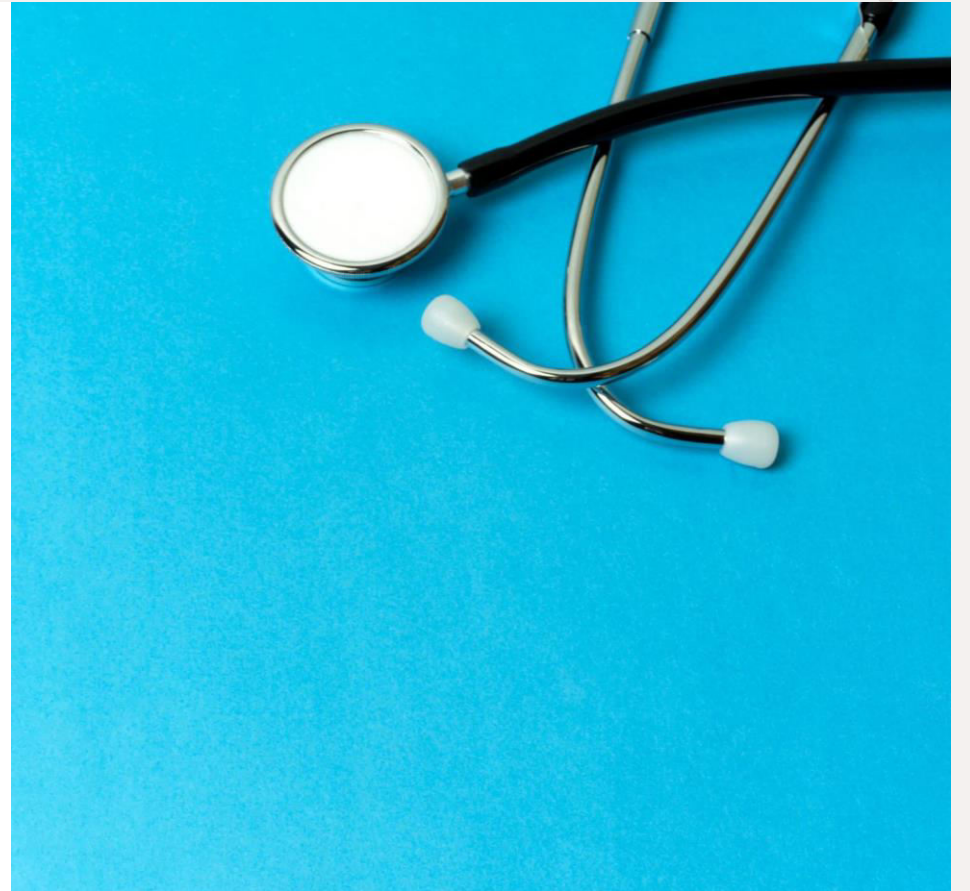


**27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28



If anyone within a marriage starts to meet their sexual and/or intimate emotional needs from someone outside of that marriage, it is adultery



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