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BOUNDARIES: "Slaying the INTRUDERS"

(Mark 10:7-9 NLT) 7 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, 8 and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, 9 let no one split apart what God has joined together."

I. INTRUDERS from the OUTSIDE.

a. When 1 + 1 = 3

- Friends & Family & Strangers
- CAREER Choices
- Financial Pressures
- Those KIDS
- Hobbies & Interests
- INTERNET

b. When 1 + 1 = 2

- ANGRY Outbursts
- Fault Finders
- Annoying BEHAVIORS
- SELFISH Demands
- Dishonesty

c. When 1 + 1 = 1

- Let go of PARENTS
- Let go of PEOPLE
- Let go of PAST PLACES
- Let go of PROBLEMS

By creating **BOUNDARIES**, we prevent the **OUTSIDE** from controlling what is on the **INSIDE**.

II. Intruders from the INSIDE.

a. We Didn't see it coming.

(Matthew 26:41 TLB)⁴¹ Keep alert and pray. Otherwise, temptation will overpower you. For the spirit indeed is willing, but how weak the body is!"

- Unmet Needs
- Unfulfilled Expectations
- Underdeveloped Self Esteem
- Unresolved Conflict
- Uncontrolled Thoughts
- Unprotected Lifestyle
- Unreliable Commitment

b. We are from Different worlds.

(1 Pet 3:9 NIV) Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another;

- We can choose to TOLERATE them.
- We can choose to ELIMINATE them.
- We can choose to APPRECIATE them.
- We can choose to CELEBRATE them.

c. We are experiencing Devastating circumstances.

- Depression, ANXIETY & EMOTIONAL health.
- SUBSTANCE abuse.
- AFFAIRS.

III. SLAYING the Intruders.

(Proverbs 27:17 NLT)¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

STATE OF THE UNION:

By creating **BOUNDARIES**, we prevent the **INSIDE** from destroying what God has **JOINED** together.