

A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



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relationships. I can't tell you how often I felt like quitting when things got rough between Penny and myself. But we had closed the back door in our minds. There was no way out. Divorce wasn't an option. First we had to commit to the goal of achieving the marriage we both knew God wanted us to have. Then we had to submit to doing whatever it would take to see that happen. That was tough for me. I'm not very good at submitting to anything, or anybody. I guess I had a problem with that typical guy thing –pride. Ultimately, I had to accept the fact that God did know more than me. His ways were better than mine. How do you like that? Then it was a matter of persevering; working through the issues, trying to communicate, getting angry, asking forgiveness, then doing it all over again, and again and again. It was tough, but we didn't give up. We didn't cop out. We didn't divorce. By our choice and God's power we persevered, and God brought us through. That's one trip I never want to go on again. But what we have now was worth all the work, strain and pain we went through. We have love, real honest-to- goodness love for each other, freely and willingly given. It's great! But we never would have seen it had we quit. Thank God we didn't. Persevere. Commit, submit and don't quit. It works!

Question for dialogue: When do I feel like I want to quit? When do I feel you want to quit?

Prayer for both of us: "Lord, give us the power to persevere; to commit to the marriage, to submit to do whatever it takes, then to stick to it until we see the fulfillment of your promise to bring restoration, righteousness, peace and joy.

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