

## Couples In Bloom – Unequally Yoked Christians

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We believe some of you really need the following encouragement - - RIGHT NOW.  
The intensity of your marriage troubles can be the intensity of your victory if God gets into the center of the relationship. Been there – done that – no go? You quit too early. We do not say this lightly, nor without firsthand experience with long-term (multi-decade) marital trials and with the God who solves them. You owe it to yourself to read this page.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers ⇨ 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. God does not want Christians marrying non-Christians and gives reasons why in these Scriptures. But: **Is it possible for a Christian to be unequally yoked *with another Christian*?** Not only is it *possible*, it is *impossible not to be*, regarding spiritual maturity, as no two Christians mature in all the same things at the same time. The whole soul-mate ideology is divorce preparation from hell: selfishly lust a clone until it breaks the pre-nuptial agreement, then bye-bye. Yet *many Christians live in this exact mindset*, feeling frustration over their “less mature” spouse. Look deeper into this unfortunately hot topic in Christian marriage.

**Jesus Christ is unequally yoked with Christians.** Yes, the Bridegroom is far ahead of the Bride of Christ in Christian maturity! His blood only brought the church from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God; it did not mature them one bit. So: what is *God* doing about our differences, with all His maturity? What am *I* doing about our differences, with all my immaturity? He has answers that work with Him and in marriage.

First of all: God is about relationship, not information or competition. God says I am nothing if I have everything except love ⇨ 1 Corinthians 13. He also says I need to mature beyond basics to things that bring strength and discernment ⇨ Hebrews 5:12-14. **Relationship is how this maturity happens.** A marriage cannot prosper if the couple does not relate to each other (*relationship* comes from the word *relate*). This means husbands and wives interact *together* in spiritual things, just like Christians do with God.

Satan discourages people with the lie that “*other couples have a good relationship but my marriage stinks.*” The truth is that every marriage has issues but couples who work on their relationships *together* are the happier ones. We get closer to God by investing time with Him. We talk, He listens; He talks, we listen. When we don’t hear His voice in our heart, we press in until we do ⇨ Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13. Prayer is not for *information transfer*; the all-knowing God already knows everything. Prayer is for *relationship transfer*. We are His Bride: He *wants* us. David was a man *after* God’s heart ⇨ 1 Samuel 13:14; **spouses need hot pursuit *after* each other’s heart.**

The intimacy God builds with us is the *same* pattern He made for marriage. Our Intimate Anatomy workbook makes this clear, if you want help seeing it. There are sixteen short chapters (most only two pages) and one diagram shows everything. Your marriage can blossom. Couples In Bloom exists to help. The workbook is not expensive; however relationship costs you all of your self to produce intimacy. Jesus did it; **it works.**

**Read this page *with* your spouse.** Do you *want* (more) intimacy in your marriage? If so, visit [www.IntimateAnatomy.com](http://www.IntimateAnatomy.com) for some help. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone