

**Stale**

**MATES**



*You*

**+**



*Me*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

# God's Reasons for Marriage

## Genesis 2:18-25 (KJV)

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, ***It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*** <sup>19</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

<sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. <sup>21</sup> **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;** <sup>22</sup> **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.** <sup>23</sup> **And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.** <sup>24</sup> **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.** <sup>25</sup> **And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

# God's Reasons for Marriage

## #1- Plan

- *God's Plan from Beginning*

## #2- Prevent Solitude

- *Not good for Man to be alone (18)*

## #3- Procreation

- *Be fruitful and multiply..Replenish... (1:27-28a)*

## #4- Protect Man's Sanctity

- **Cleave to wife**

## #5- Produce an Powerful Team

- **Perfect Mates** -*made from Adams Rib (21)*
- **Soul Mates** -*Naked and Not Ashamed (25)*
- **Powerful Mates** -*Subdue and Dominion (1:28b)*



# Soul Mates

Two interlocking gold rings are shown against a white background. The rings are highly reflective and polished, with one ring positioned slightly behind and to the right of the other, creating a sense of depth and connection.

**Someone Who is Aligned With Your...**

**...Soul (*heart, mind, emotions*)**

**Sent to...**

- **Challenge**
- **Awaken**
- **Stir You**

**In Order For You to Be Better...**

**...Than You Could Be Alone**

# Myths About Soul Mates

## My Soul Mate Will...

### #1- Be Like Me

- **Compatibility is Based on Character/ Values...  
...NOT Sameness**
- **Your Perfect Soul Mate is VERY Different From You**



# Myths About Soul Mates



**My Soul Mate Will...**

**#1- Be Like Me**

**#2- There Will Be NO Issues/ Problems (*always be in love*)**

- **Soul Mates are Not Born...  
...They are Made**
- **Two Committed Souls Roll Up Sleeves...  
...Fight the Good Fight  
...Step Through the Fire**

# Myths About Soul Mates

## My Soul Mate Will...

**#1- Be Like Me**

**#2- There Will Be NO Issues/ Problems (*always be in love*)**

**#3- Always Make Me Happy and Meet All My Needs**

- No Person Can Always Make Me Happy
- Happiness Foundations Come From God



# Stale Mates

## Two People that Are Connected But...

### Broken:

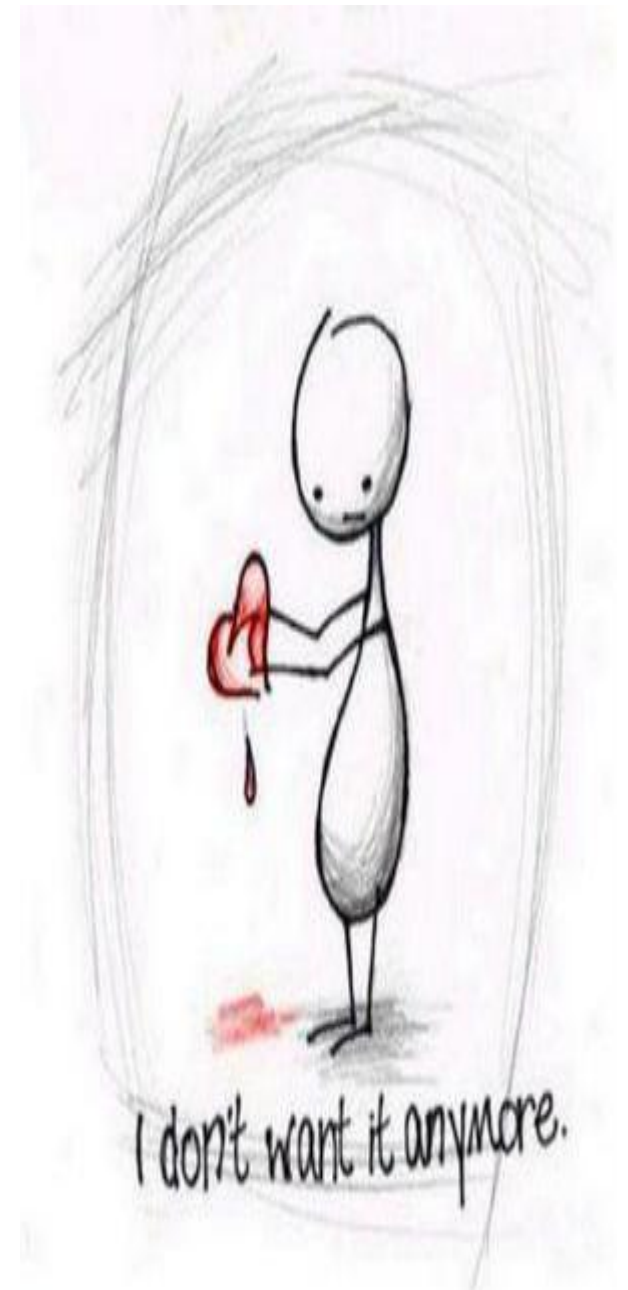
- **Incomplete** - *weaknesses*
- **Insufficient** - *unable to fix it*
- **Incapable** - *cannot be all you can be*

## Believe It or Not ...

... That's Part of God's Plan

## Marriage is to Model the Church

- **I Cor 12:12** – *the Need*
- **Eph 5:22-25** – *the Order*





# Power of Soul Mates

## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

<sup>10</sup> For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

<sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*?

<sup>12</sup> And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

# Soul Mates

## Two People Connected and Informed...

- **Complete**

- *Strengths Compliment Weaknesses*

- **Sufficient**

- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 (AMP)**

*<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good [more satisfying] reward for their labor; <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie down together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone?*

- **Capable**

- **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (AMP)**

*<sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against him who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.*



**Soul Mates Are...**

**...Not Perfect**

**...But Powerful in Their Imperfections**

**...When They Align with Each Other and God**

**Ecc 4:12 (AMP)** *A threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

**SOUL-MATES** are people

who bring out the best **IN YOU.**

**THEY ARE** *not perfect*