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QUESTIONS

- ♦ Have I allowed contempt to gain a foothold in my home?
- ♦ Will this lead our home to where I want it to go?
- ♦ Will this make my family what I want it to be?
- ♦ Is this what my Rabbi wants for my heart and my home?

HOW DO YOU BECOME UNFAITHFUL?

ALLOW CONTEMPT TO TAKE HOLD IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- **♦** Adultery and Unfaithfulness
- **♦** Casual Divorce
- **♦** Indifference

THE REAL MEANING OF <u>LIFE</u>

Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do. 8 Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil. 9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun — all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun. 10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

JESUS' HEART-LEVEL CALL

RUTHLESSLY ELIMINATE CONTEMPT FROM YOUR MARRIAGE

SURVIVING ALONE

Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: 8 There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his yes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" This too is meaningless — a miserable business! Ecclesiastes 4:7-8

THRIVING TOGETHER

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

HOW TO TAKE YOUR MARRIAGE OUT OF THE CONTEMPT BOX

- **♦** Grace
- ♦ Kind words
- **♦** Forgiveness
- **♦** Acceptance
- ♦ Words of <u>affirmation</u> and praise
- **♦** Respect
- **♦** *Intentionality*
- **♦** Confidence
- **♦** Tenderness
- **♦** Shared time
- **♦** Trust
- **♦** Humility
- **♦** Laughter
- **♦** Scripture
- **♦** Prayer
- **♦** <u>Intimacy</u>

NEXT STEPS

Resources for further study:
Love and Respect -- Emerson Eggerichs
The Book of Romance -- Tommy Nelson
Sheet Music -- Kevin Leman