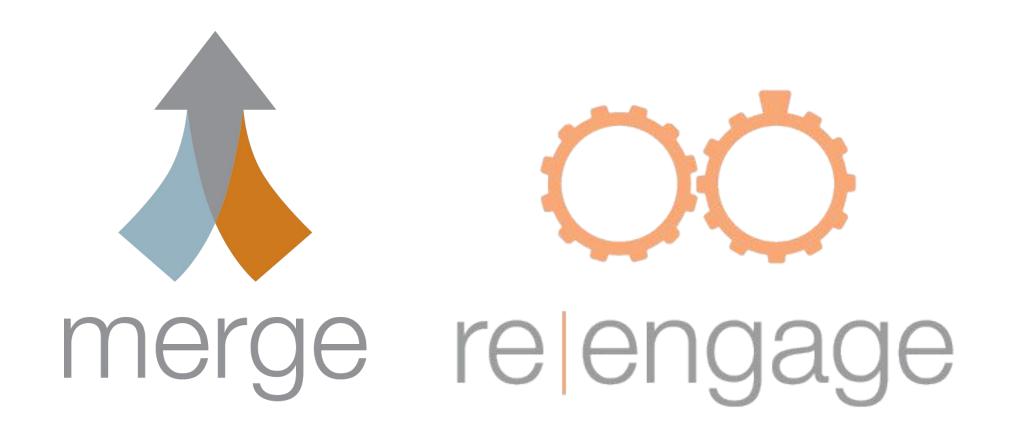
## MINISTRY TAKEOVER



There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage.

MARTIN LUTHER

#### Genesis 2:24 NIV

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# Genesis Chapters 1 & 2

- God Creates and Pronounces Good
- Not Good for Man to be Alone
- No Suitable Helper Found
- God Creates a Woman

Leave

Cleave

Become One

Genesis 2:23–24 NIV

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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Cleave

Become One

Genesis 2:23 NLT

"At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"

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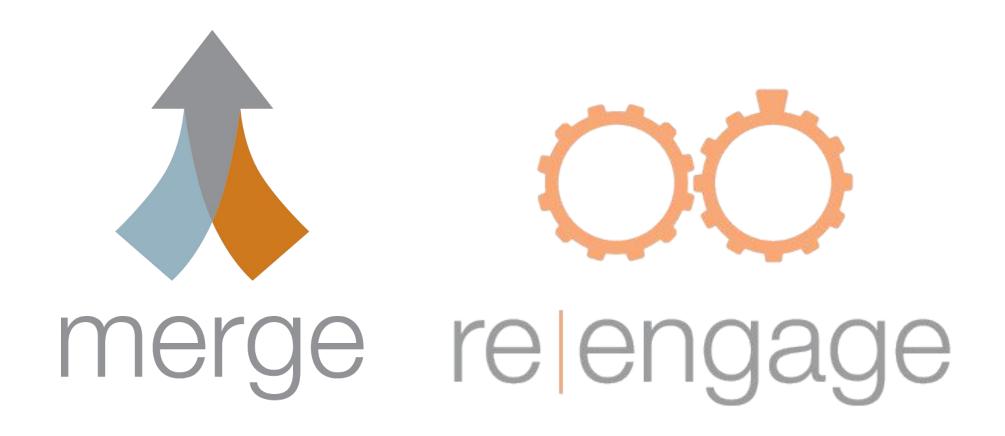
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#### 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

#### Proverbs 13:12 NIV

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

# Dealing with Expectations

- 1. Communicate early and often.
- 2. Assume the best.
- 3. Pray together and for your spouse.
- 4. Plan and dream together.

# Understanding Your Spouse

- Life Experiences: Wounds and Wins
- Passions, Personality, and Spiritual Gifts
- Love Language



# Simon Foster | Jimmy Cummings

The extent to which you can:

- 1. Listen to understand your spouse,
- 2. Express yourself to be understood, and
- 3. Actively resolve conflict between the two of you

will greatly determine the level of intimacy and oneness you will experience in your marriage.