

# redefining divorce

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## You Haven't A Clue...

...If you haven't gone through a divorce before.



These days, relationships seem to be disposable. Divorce has become the ticket to get out of "jail". It's true, it does get you out of relationship jail but what if the jail wasn't created solely by your partner? What if divorcing your partner won't fix the problem?

Before taking the final step of escaping the ever horrible life of being married to your spouse, think. Consider what divorce ACTUALLY is. Imagine what it looks like and try to feel what life would be like without the financial assistance, the body presence, and the partner to help raise the kids. Absent abuse, (physical, emotional or psychological) most issues in a marriage can be resolved or at the very least addressed so a compromise can be

reached. Some time apart from each other may do the trick.

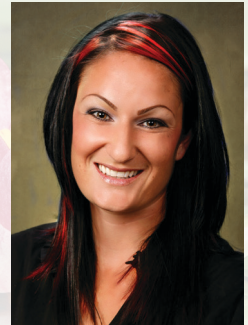
If you have to get out of your marriage, do it. But don't do it over a fixable issue. Maybe divorceable issues involve your spouse having an addiction they aren't getting help for, they have psychological issues they can't control or upbringings are so different no amount of counseling could get you two to a neutral playing field. Maybe divorcing under those circumstances will result in you both being happier.

Just remember: Divorce ends dreams. It ends security. It ends the life you have now. Stop and think hard about this decision. Is what you hate or are so angry about really that big of a deal? Did you contribute to it? (The answer is usually yes). Remember, you married this person

for a reason, whether you see it now or not. You both have changed in past years whether in the same direction or not. Try to communicate with your spouse about what your new requirements or standards are and give them time to adjust. If they can't then maybe you can. It is incredibly difficult to imagine what divorce actually is until you are in it. Before you take that step, try everything else to make it work.

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