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“Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things.”

(Ecclesiastes 11:9)

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“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.” (2 Timothy 4:3–4)

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“Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls...But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”

(James 1:21...25)

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Matthew 19:1-9

Malachi 2:16

I Corinthians 6:9-10

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“I hate divorce.”

I Corinthians 6:9-10:

“adulterers” will not

“inherit the kingdom

of God.”

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Matthew 15:19

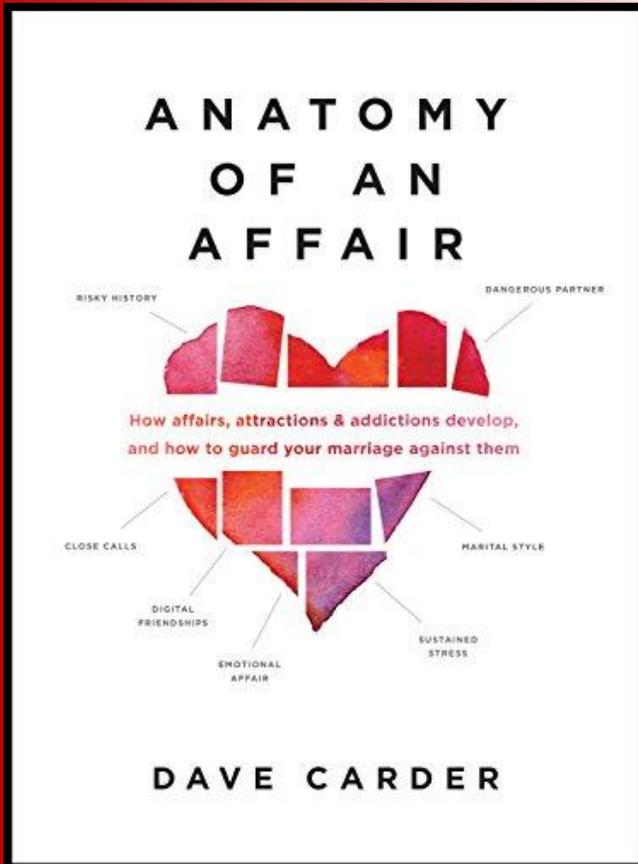
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“When you find your mind wandering into daydreams about someone who is not your spouse, you’re in a dangerous spot. This can start innocently enough just by thinking about the other person: ‘I wonder what she’s doing right now?’ or ‘I hope I see him this morning at church.’ It can progress to comparisons that have you inserting this person in the place that should be reserved for your spouse: ‘If only my husband treated me the way Bobby treats Carla...’ or ‘I wish my wife dressed more like Kathy—she understands how important appearance is to a man.’ From there it’s not a big leap to move to daydreams or fantasies about a special friendship, connection, or even an intimate relationship” (Carder 88-89).





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Malachi 2:14

Ephesians 5:25-33

I Corinthians 7:3-5

Song of Solomon

Proverbs 5:18

Malachi 2:14:

“Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your **companion** and your wife by covenant.”

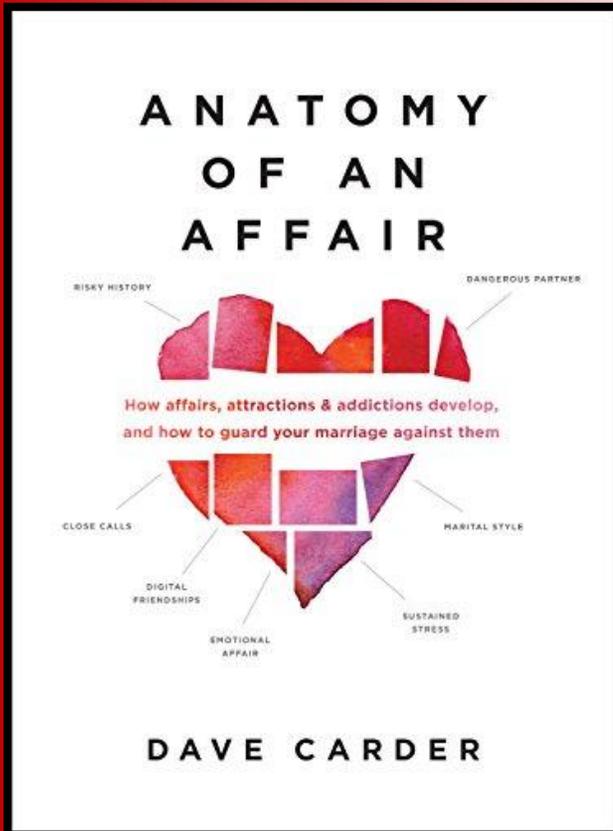
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“Later she left the organization to start her own family, but for thirty years they have talked daily—every single afternoon, on the phone, while traveling or on vacation, about the organization, their lives, their marriages, their aging process, anything and everything.”

“...However, when the empty nest became a part of their daily lives, Heather realized that this telephone relationship had consumed the essence of their marriage. The other woman, though still married, had replaced her. She knew Gary better than Heather did, and Gary knew the other woman better than he knew Heather. They had never...touched each other, and there was no record of any flirtation between the two” (Carder 56-57).



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25 “Husbands, love your *wives*”

28 “as their own bodies”

33 “as himself”

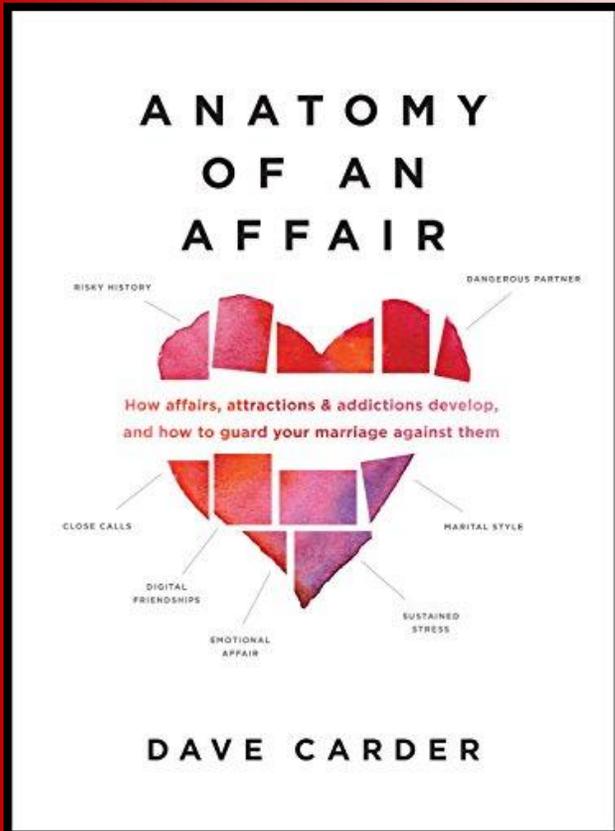
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“I want to emphasize the one deficit that is universal to marriages that experience an affair: the loss of fun. Most couples just stop having fun together. They don’t spend money on their marriage.

They have stopped building memories between just the two of them. They are consumed with making it through the day, to the end of the month, all the while hoping for something better next year” (Carder 44).



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II Samuel 11:2-4

Proverbs 5:3, 8

6:24-25

7:4-8, 19-27

Romans 13:13-14

I Corinthians 6:18:
“Flee sexual immorality”

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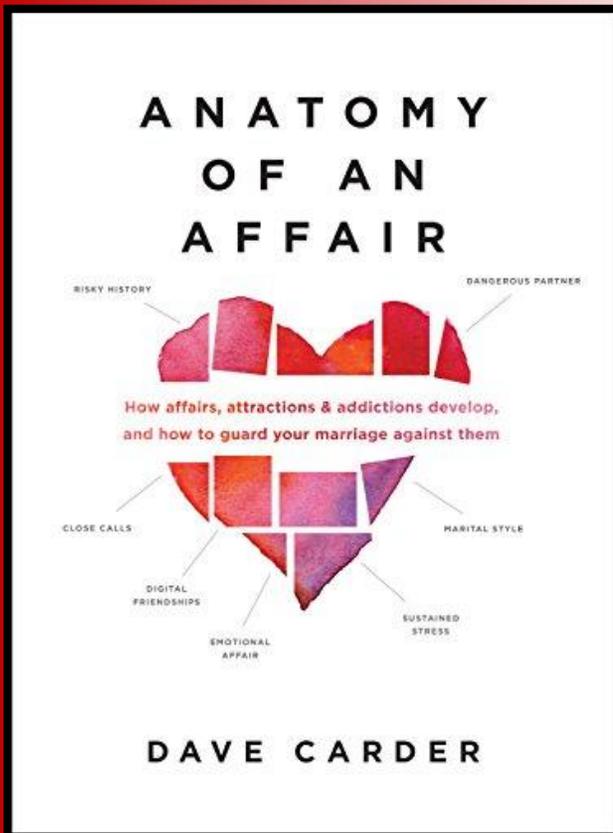
“So David sent and inquired about the woman...”

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Devin: “I am really struggling with how this could happen to me when I sincerely didn’t want it to happen...For months I counseled her about emotional problems she was dealing with and kept telling her than an affair between us was not going to happen. Even when my resolve began to wane, I prayed with her. I prayed for God to take this temptation away from us. I prayed to God to bless and protect our spouses and our children. I prayed to God for guidance and direction to help us. Of course, I knew what to do—get up and run away as fast as I could. Oh, how I wished I would have...” (Carder 121).



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Proverbs 7:25:

“Do not let your **heart** turn
aside to her ways,
Do not **stray** into her paths.”

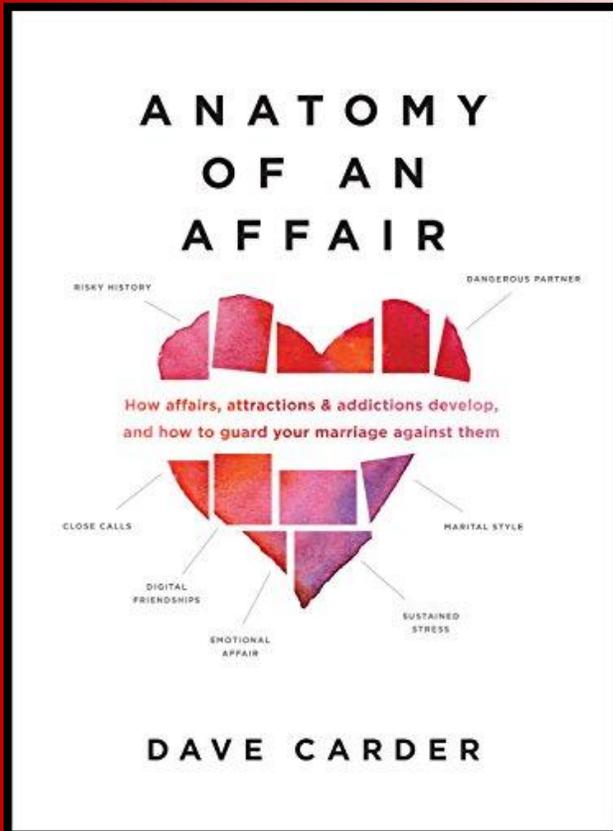
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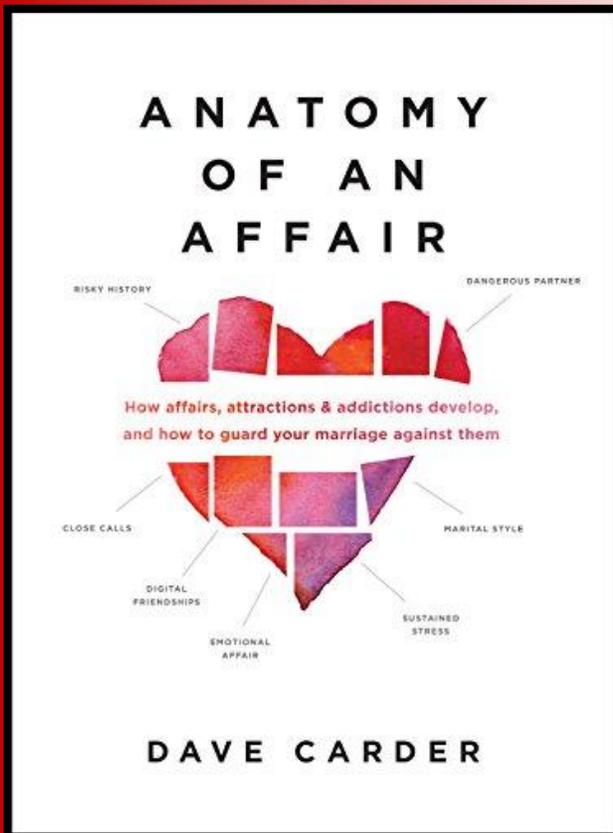
“The denial is so powerful that if you told this adulterer-to-be that within twenty-four hours he would violate his own values, threaten his marriage, and risk his career, he would deny it” (Carder 15).

Danny and Janice





Janice: “There are two things about my experience I have come to realize. First, if this can happen to me, this can happen to anybody. I was raised in a Christian home and attended church ever since I was six years old. Having an affair with another man was not something that a Christian should ever do, and certainly, I never thought I would do such a thing. Second, many such affairs start very innocently, as mine did. Before I hardly knew what was happening, I was in over my head and was about to drown. My illicit relationship seemed thrilling and exciting at the time, but in the end, it brought great sorrow and destruction to our marriage”
(Carder 108-109).



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Romans 13:13–14: “Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision** for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”

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"I'm here for you forever!"

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"I'm going to share my life with you!"

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"I'm going to destroy any threats to US!"

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