

# redefining divorce

## *I can't afford to leave...*



**I**t's okay, you don't have to leave. Recently, people have been developing co-habitation plans because they can't afford two separate households, understandably.

It's unbelievably difficult to contemplate the end of your relationship. It is only complicated by the fact that people are facing extreme financial hardship today. However, if you can maintain enough respect for each other, you can develop a temporary plan to reduce the difficult transition. The temporary plan consists of living in same house, with conditions. I know it sounds crazy and arguably impossible. Who wants to live with the person they are trying to get away from?!

Hear me out. If the relationship is ending because the people grew apart then what I am proposing is a manageable

plan. If it is ending because of infidelity or addiction this plan is a bit more complicated. If you can, for a brief moment, think long term (financially not necessarily emotionally) then you may be able to develop enough courage to make this possible. I understand s/he made a decision that resulted in the demise of the trust, companionship, safety, etc. It destroyed your idea of security. It wrecked your soul, heart and spirit... But, we have to make our way towards resolution. Your heart will repair itself with time and work.

Today though, we need to pull it together and decide what's best for our future. Can you find a way to see the light at the end of the tunnel and hang in for a few more moments? You may find that you can actually work it out and don't have to move forward with the dissolution or legal

separation. I'm just sayin'...

You can still get legally separated or divorced while living together. But, you don't need to decide it all today. Maybe starting the process and staying put is a better idea than moving out, trying to afford the new life, and dealing with the emotional demons simultaneously.

Who knows, it may not kill you and you could be better off financially in the end.

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