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Dear Deanna!

My mother stayed friends with my wife after our divorce. My ex-wife cheated on me, placed me in debt and wrecked another man's family. My mother is still holding on to her because my wife was the daughter

she never had. I have no use for this woman and wish my mother would do the same. We are arguing more and more and the family is starting to divide. How do I make my mother understand that she needs to let go and move on? --*Stressed Out; Pittsburgh, Penn.*

Dear Stressed Out:

A divorce is like death and there must be a grieving period before moving on. Your mother had an emotional attachment and family bond with your wife. It's true that spouses don't marry the family but your case is an exception. Your mother has forgiven her for the pain and you should talk to your mother and seek healing. If your mother is happy and no harm or disrespect is coming your way, leave it alone and let things run its course.

Dear Deanna!

I'm embarrassed because like other women in my church, I have a crush on our single pastor. They see that he's saved and anointed and want him for their husband. He's out of my league and I embarrassed myself trying to talk to him. I won't sit in front of the church or go to the altar. This is wrong because of my desires. My faith is more important than a relationship but this is making me go off the deep end. --*Confused; On-Line Column Reader*

Dear Confused:

If you're in this turmoil, you shouldn't want your preacher or any other man that makes you trip like this. Look close and you'll realize that he hasn't selected the other women for a reason. Make it easy on yourself by being a real woman and step to him with an open mind, honesty and good intentions. If he's available and interested, he'll let you know. If not, continue to keep your faith a priority and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I left a relationship twice and each time I went back. After each separation my boyfriend promised he would change by not drinking, not chasing women and would help around the house. It took a month or so before he went back to his old ways. I feel the third time would really be different because he's crying, offering to get saved and begging really hard. What ground rules should I give him if I go down this road again? --*Michelle; Jackson, Miss.*

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Remember Celebrate Persevere

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more equitable society Martin Luther King Jr. had envisioned. Mark Hatfield, a former governor and the longest-serving senator in the state's history, helped overwrite the discriminatory laws while serving as a rookie legislator.

Hatfield found himself having to drive black musicians to Portland after performing in Salem, which he found to be deeply unfair. Since 1919, Oregon legislators had been trying to pass a law that would outlaw discrimination against blacks in public settings. When Hatfield was re-

Mark Hatfield, a former governor and the longest-serving senator in the state's history, helped overwrite the discriminatory laws while serving as a rookie legislator.

According to his autobiography, "Against the Grain: Reflections of a Rebel Republican," Hatfield's interest in the issue came from when he was still at student at Willamette University in Salem. He served on a committee that brought traveling musical acts to the culturally-barren Salem. There were only two hotels in the small city at the time, and both maintained "No Coloreds" policies.

electd to his seat in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1952, he made the issue a priority. At the time Hatfield was unsure that the bill would be passed, but after aggressively lobbying both opponents and legislators sitting on the fence, he got the landmark bill approved. "Anyone could get a room in any Oregon hotel now, and I knew justice had been served," he wrote in his autobiography.