

# *The Separation Roadmap*

## *Stage 2.* **Plans Made to Live Separately**



Starts when one spouse  
makes plans to leave the  
home.



## In this video, we will cover:

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1. What's going on in her head
2. Common mistakes men make
3. Strategic goals that best enable reconciliation
4. What reconciliation looks like

Why do we focus on these  
areas?



What if your separation is in multiple stages?

# What's Going On In Her Head?



# What's going on in her head?

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- ❖ The separation is now official... She starts thinking of herself as separated
- ❖ Usually see one of two patterns:
  - a. She never takes the next step
  - b. She completely checks out
- ❖ She legitimately needs time and space

# Common Mistakes



# Common mistakes in Stage 2

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- ❖ Do NOT offer to move out without talking to a lawyer
- ❖ Refusing to acknowledge progression of the separation
- ❖ Not respecting the domestic separation
- ❖ Expecting her to keep trying
- ❖ Becoming one more obstacle for her to fight

# **Your Strategic Goals**



# Your strategic goals / tips

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- ❖ Everything from Stage 1
- ❖ Acknowledge and accept her desire to leave
- ❖ Make her remaining time at home comfortable
- ❖ You're STILL not on the clock
- ❖ She may need to get out before she can come back

Consider nesting



# What Does Reconciliation Look Like

# What's typical for Stage 2 reconciliations?

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1. You've had time to prove consistency
2. She has had time to cool off and reflect
3. You've given her space, and things are friendly again
4. May wait until the very last minute to reconsider leaving