

# Dating Advice: The 5 Stages of Love and Why Many Stop at Stage 3



On this week's episode of Single in Stilettos, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Dr. Jed Diamond to offer their best [dating advice](#) on how to navigate through the stages of love. Find out how you can reach marriage without losing the spark with the following dating tips!

## Dating advice on the stages of

# Love!

**1. Falling in love.** This is the stage when couples are hopelessly devoted to one another. Everything is new, exciting and passionate. Your heart will ache for your partner in a way that only new love can provide. Since this is the beginning of the relationship, there isn't much pain or history that 's wedged between you.

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**2. Building a life.** When you've settled on staying with your partner on a more permanent basis, you take steps to solidify your lives together. Whether it's moving in together or getting married, you're putting down your roots understanding you won't always be in love, but you'll have a deep love and connection with your partner.

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**3. Disillusionment.** This can happen at any time, and many couples don't make it through this stage, but stage three is a time of doubt. You'll find yourself incompatible with your partner and questioning whether you made the right choice. However, this disillusionment is a sign of a healthy relationship. It means you really see your partner for who they really are and heal emotional wounds.

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**4. Real-lasting love.** After getting through the tough times, you're able to enjoy the fruits of your renewed relationship. The projections you put on your partner will fade away, and you'll be able to love each other the way you deserve when your emotional scars from past relationships are

healed. This is a time when you'll be able to love like you're in stage one all over again.

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**5. Finding your calling.** This is discovered together as a couple, and it's one of the most exciting times. If you're able to have a loving and meaningful relationship with your partner, you're able to share great gifts with the world, such as wisdom, positivity and forgiveness. Whatever it is you're good at as a couple, go out and do it!

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