



# WHAT ABOUT...?

SERMON SERIES



T O D A Y ' S M E S S A G E :

...MARRIAGE,  
DIVORCE,  
& SINGLENES?

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# GOD'S FOUNDATION FOR MARRIAGE

**Genesis 1 & 2:** *God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... A man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

**Mark 10:** *At the beginning of creation God made them male and Female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh... What God has joined together, let no one separate.*

# Ephesians 5:21

CEV

*Honor Christ and put others first.*

NIV

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

NRSV

*Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

King James

*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

*A wife should put her husband first, as she does the Lord. A husband is the head of his wife, as Christ is the head and the Savior of the church, which is his own body. Wives should always put their husbands first, as the church puts Christ first. A husband should love his wife as much as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.*

**Ephesians 5:21-25**

**Husband and Wives are called to....**

- ***Love Unconditionally!***
- ***Love Sacrificially!***
- ***Love Purposefully!***
- ***Love Passionately!***

***Husbands love your wives!***

***Wives respect your husbands!***

**How are we doing?**

# Traditional Marriage Vows



*... for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health. To love and to cherish for the rest of our lives, according to God's holy law...*



# Divorce

- Never first option
- Usually not a good option
- Never easy
- Can stay with you for life

*Marriage should always be honored, held in high regard, and divorce should always be a last resort.*

*Some Pharisees wanted to test Jesus. So they came up to him and asked if it was right for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus asked them, "What does the Law of Moses say about this?"*

*They answered, "Moses allows a man to write out divorce papers and send his wife away." Jesus replied, "Moses gave you this law because you are so heartless. Mark 10:2-5*

*It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32*

*“We don’t want to be guilty of encouraging anyone to violate Scripture by sinfully leaving a hard marriage or remarrying adulterously.*

*Nor do we want to restrict people from enjoying the protection and freedom God gives to those whose spouses have irreparably broken the marriage covenant.”*

**- Jim Newheiser (The Gospel Coalition)**

# Singleness (Paul in 1 Corinthians 7)

*I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs, how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world, how he can please his wife, and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world, how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.*

# Married and Singles

*Guard yourselves from the temptations of sexual immorality!*

- Pornography
- Fornication
- Adultery
- Sinful sexual relationships
- Other temptations

***So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27***

- Work at having a God-honoring marriage!**
- Be devoted and serve God in body and spirit!**
- Be the church of Jesus Christ for each other!**
- Forgive, just as the Lord has forgiven you!**

# Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.