

# Divorce

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*Tough Stuff*

*The national view of marriage is in the toilet, but this is not a new tragedy...*

Divorce was common in Greek culture. Divorce was common in Jewish culture.

**Deut 24:1-4** » When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, <sup>2</sup>and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, <sup>3</sup>and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, <sup>4</sup>then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

**Out of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus wants you to have a right understanding of marriage & divorce.**

1) Jesus corrects \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ views of marriage.

**Matt 5:31-32** » And it was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE'; <sup>32</sup>but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**Matt 19:3-8** » And *some* Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any cause at all?"<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, "Have you not read, that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, <sup>5</sup>and said, 'FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? <sup>6</sup>Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." <sup>7</sup>They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?"<sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

2) Jesus Calls You to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage

**Mal 2:16** » ...Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.<sup>16</sup> "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

**Matt 19:10** » The disciples said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

## 1 Corinthians 7

Verse 10 = But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that...

Verse 12 = But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that...

**1 Cor 7:12-15** » But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not send her away. <sup>13</sup>And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. <sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. <sup>15</sup>Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called us to peace. <sup>16</sup>For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

### 3) Christ reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of divorce

**Matt 5:32** » ...everyone who divorces his wife, except for *the* cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**Matt 19:9** » ...whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery

## What does this mean for you today personally?

### 1) Take your vows \_\_\_\_\_

**Deut 23:23** » You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, for you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth.

**Matt 5:33-37** » Don't take promises lightly; let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no'

**Eccl 5:4-5** » When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! <sup>5</sup>It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

### 2) Speak \_\_\_\_\_ to others

**Prov 27:6** » Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy

**Prov 27:23** » He who rebukes a man will afterward find *more* favor, than he who flatters with the tongue

### 3) Fight hard to display \_\_\_\_\_ in your marriage

**Eph 5:22-33**