



FAMILYHUDDLE

JANUARY 23/24, 2021 | MARRIAGE & DIVORCE | MATTHEW 5:31-32 | WK 4

BIBLE VERSE

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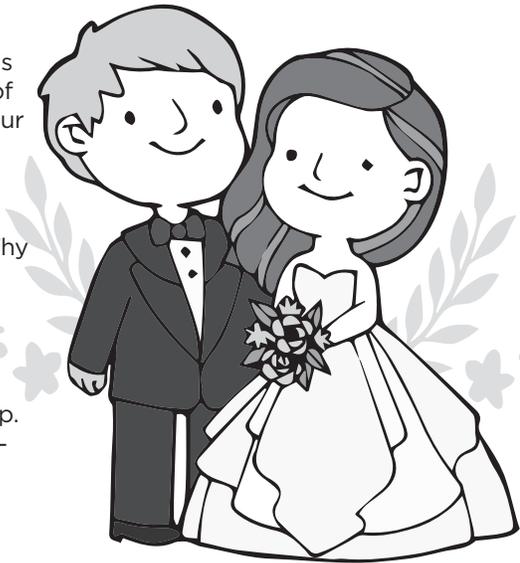
IT HAS BEEN SAID, 'ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE MUST GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE.' BUT I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE, EXCEPT FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY, MAKES HER THE VICTIM OF ADULTERY, AND ANYONE WHO MARRIES A DIVORCED WOMAN COMMITS ADULTERY.

MATTHEW 5:31-32

ACTIVITY ONE

GOD'S PLAN FOR BIBLICAL MARRIAGE:

1. God's plan was for an **EXCLUSIVE** relationship, one man and one woman marriage. Read Genesis 1:27-28 and 2:18, 21-25. Marriage is a public vow of faithfulness. Explain why this is so important in our world today.
2. God's plan was for a **COVENANT** relationship, meaning that each person agrees to keep their side of the vows even if the other person fails. Why is this important?
3. Marriage is a **PHYSICAL** relationship, "the two become one flesh", it's a mystery, two lives are interwoven at every level.
4. Marriage is a **DIVINELY ORDAINED** relationship. Matthew 9:6 states what "God has joined together". It's God's doing.
5. Marriage is a **PERMANENT** relationship. "what God has joined, let no one separate".



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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In this passage Jesus continues his teaching on the true meaning of the Ten Commandments by explaining the command, "Thou shall not commit adultery" by giving the example of divorce.

We need to compare this with the longer teaching Jesus gives in Matthew 19:3-9. Read this and consider the following:

What was the intention of the question the Pharisee's brought to Jesus in Matthew 19:3? What was it's purpose?

What is at the heart of Jesus's answer? Why do you think Jesus reminded them of the Genesis story? Why do you think the Pharisee's jumped to Moses and the Commandments?

How is this helpful to you?

ACTIVITY TWO



SO WHAT ABOUT DIVORCE?

Divorce is radical - like an amputation. You don't amputate a sprained ankle, or even a broken leg, there are lots of other ways to bring healing. Amputation is a last resort called for only when the whole body is in danger. Divorce is a **CONCESSION** made because of the hardness of people's hearts, to protect the innocent, and allow for remarriage.

Three things that break a marriage are:

1. Sexual unfaithfulness, adultery.
2. Death of the man or the woman.
3. Abandonment by an unbelieving spouse.

Where there are biblical grounds for divorce, these same grounds allow for remarriage.

It is God's desire to work healing and restoration in all our lives, giving us strength to forgive, hope for our futures together, and the opportunity to reflect his love.

Take time as a family to pray for those you know who are struggling in a difficult marriage or a divorce, both the adults and the kids! And think about ways to support them.