

Message Notes

"Divorce and Remarriage - part one"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Preaching through the Bible is a dangerous thing!"

A very controversial subject - we need humility!

SPECIAL NOTE: God's Heart for People who have been

hurt by divorce

A different kind of message today: The ultimate Sudoku

Our passage this week:

1 Corinthians 7:10-24, 32, 39-40

A look at all the Biblical Data

Genesis 2:24 / Genesis 3:16

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Ezekiel 16

Jeremiah Chapters 2-4

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 2:13, 2:20, 3:6-10

The Book of Hosea

Hosea 1:2-3 / Hosea 3:1-3

Malachi 2:11-16

Matthew 1:18-19

Matthew 5:31-32

Matthew 19:3-9

Mark 10:2-12

Luke 16:18

Romans 7:1-3

Captain Obvious Statements:

1. The purpose of marriage is never to end in divorce.
2. No one, unless they are insane, goes into marriage looking forward to the divorce.
3. God is divorced from his people Israel. He hates divorce knowing firsthand the pain that it causes.
4. Divorce is one of the most painful things a person can go through. It is why God takes the marriage covenant so seriously.
5. Divorce is not the problem. The breakdown of the marriage covenant is the problem.
6. Divorces happen in a fallen world.

Five Acceptable, Biblical (& contradictory!) Views:

1. No Divorce, No Remarriage under any circumstances.
2. Divorce is legitimate under certain circumstances, but never Remarriage except back to the original spouse (unless the other spouse has already remarried in between).
3. Divorce is legitimate under certain circumstances, and therefore so is Remarriage of these cases.
4. Divorce is legitimate under many circumstances, and therefore so is Remarriage of these cases.
5. Divorce is legitimate under certain (or many) circumstances. However, no matter what the cause of the divorce is, Remarriage is possible with a repentant heart and as much of a spirit of reconciliation as is appropriate toward the previous.

1 Corinthians 7:10-24, 32, 39-40

¹⁰To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. ¹¹But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

¹²To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. ¹³And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

¹⁵But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. ¹⁶How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

¹⁷Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. ²⁰Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. ²¹Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. ²²For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. ²³You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.

³²I would like you to be free from concern...

³⁹A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the