

## **I Do**

### **I Do Faithfully**

#### **Malachi 2.13-16**

13 “This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.

14 Yet you say, ‘For what reason?’ Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.

16 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.”

**Embracing our culture’s values in rejection of God’s values will destroy marriages and families.**

### **I. Moving Away From What God Expects**

**God doesn’t abandon His principles concerning marriage just because we mess things up**

**We must find a way to get where we are now to where we can have a Genesis 2 marriage**

**Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth**

**In every context you can imagine, God expects faithfulness in marriage**

## **II. Moving Toward What God Expects**

**When we are disconnected from God's expectations concerning marriage, we are disconnected from God.**

**Healthy marriages are critical for the well-being of children.**

**Don't cheat on your spouse or commit adultery. No exceptions. Ever.**

**From this day forward don't ever cheat on your spouse**