

Families At A Crossroads

Marriage Matters To God, It Should Matter To Us Mark 10.1-12

Marriage should reflect the design and intent of God. After all, He established it.

Jesus On Marriage

10.1 Getting up, He *went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds *gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

Many marital problems are the result of a wrong view of marriage.

5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

Make sure the problem with your marriage isn't your stubborn and unbending heart.

6 But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

I can love you but not agree with you nor accept your choices as correct.

7 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother,
8 and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

God establishes and defines marriage

10 In the house the disciples began to question him about this again.

11 And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

Sin is at the core of every broken marriage.

Jesus affirms traditional marriage

Is divorce ever ok?

Just like in the day of Moses and in the day of Jesus divorce is permitted for the protection of those exposed to a marriage that is harmful or where fidelity is broken.

Regardless of your past, make sure your current or future marriage reflects God's design and intent.