

4. Jesus Shows Us Three Things About Divorce/Singleness

- Divorce is an amputation.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” vs 6
What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. vs 6

“Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard.
Matthew 19:7,8

Even though God meant marriage to be permanent because of sin in the world, there are conditions in which divorce is sometimes the only way to survive, and Jesus says so in #2

- Divorce is sometimes necessary for life.

I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” vs 9

There's another place in 1 Corinthians 7 that Paul gives the other biblical grounds to divorce, in what he calls desertion. If your spouse deserts you and will not return, then you are free to remarry as well.

- Singleness, under any conditions, has to be seen as a calling or you cannot endure it.

Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. 12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”
Matthew 19:11-12



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**Jesus View of
Marriage, Divorce & Singleness**
Matthew 5:31,32; Matthew 19:3-12

Matthew 19:3-12

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “*Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?*”⁴ “*Haven’t you read,*” he replied, “*that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’*⁵ and said, ‘*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?*’⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”⁷ “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”⁸ Jesus replied, “*Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.*⁹ I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “*If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.*”¹¹ Jesus replied, “*Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. 12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.*”

1. Jesus Shows Us What Makes Marriage, *Marriage*.

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be *united* to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' Matthew 19:5

Marriage is a covenant

A covenant is permanent

- To *unite*, literally means to make a covenant.
- In a wedding ceremony you are promising future love.

If the essence of a marriage is a covenant, then it's a permanent thing and it directs your future approach to your mate.

2. Jesus Shows Us The Purpose of Marriage.

'**For this reason** a man will leave his father and mother and be *united* to his wife, verse 5a

What's the reason?

The answer is found in this quote of Genesis Chapter 1:27

"... *male and female he created them.*" Matthew 19:4/Genesis 1:27

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

God creates Eve to deal with loneliness. He therefore creates Eve to complete Adam and to become his companion, become his friend. Therefore **the purpose of marriage** is an **ultimate friendship**.

3 Applications:

- If Jesus is important, He must be important to both of you.
- If intimacy is diminished make every effort to get it back.
- If romance and sexuality grow out of friendship don't reverse the order.

3. Jesus Shows Us The Priority of Marriage.

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More than any other relationship, marriage must have the priority. It must be the most important relationship in your life because it's the most powerful one.

In the garden, God did not put a parent and a child as the first human relationship. That's not the most fundamental relationship.

In the garden, God did not put two people of the same gender. That is not the most fundamental relationship.

The reason it has that priority is because of the power it has over our lives because God designed it to have that power in our lives.