



Part 28: “Not What God Intended”
Mark 10:1-16

Mark 10:1-12

“Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage”

¹ Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³ “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

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

⁵ “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

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Mark 10:13-16

Jesus loves Children

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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Guiding Principles

1. God intended marriage to be between one man and one woman for life.
2. Divorce was instituted as a result of sin.
3. A divorce itself is not necessarily sinful if it involves adultery.
4. The Bible Fellowship Church will only allow remarriage in the case of adultery or the death of a spouse, not abandonment.
5. Divorce is not the unpardonable sin.
6. If you haven't divorced on biblical grounds, repent to God and he will forgive you and do all you can to meet biblical expectations.