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1 Corinthians 1:25 - For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Uncommon Sense - *"God's Wisdom over man's pride through a Flawed Church."*

[CALL TO HEAR]

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 ESV

Principles for Marriage

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Pastor - "People of God, this is the Word of God."

People - "Thanks be to God."

Pray

Illustration

Ever since the invention of the television, sitcoms have been one of the staples of American viewership. Heather and I before drifting off to sleep the other night were watching just a few minutes on Pluto TV where at night you can find any show that Generation X grew up with. To my chagrin she made



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me watch "[The Love Boat](#)" of which I promptly fell asleep to. No, they don't make shows like they used to, things that were brainless, that could reach across cultural lines, and you didn't feel guilty laughing at them. In that same vein I went looking for how many modern sitcoms highlighted Marriages in the American Family currently, that were not cartoon, and I came across just one. That is a far cry from where we started in our generation.

Marriage for Sitcom writers for decades is where family programming started with, and now writing about marriage is an afterthought, it is never elevated as something that should be valued, and most the time in modern viewing it is stupid and broken. For years marriage was elevated as the thing that kept the nuclear family together, promoted community cohesiveness, and kept God and prayer in schools. Like everything from the cross-cultural marriage of "[I Love Lucy](#)" and "[The Jeffersons](#)", to the stable presence of the Cunninghams in "[Happy Days](#)" or ultra cool Mike and Carol of "[The Brady Bunch](#)", to the argumentative types like "[The Honeymooners](#)", "[All in the Family](#)", the "[King of Queens](#)", and "[Everybody loves Raymond](#)". All those shows portrayed the ups and downs of married life in multiple predicaments, culture, and religious upbringings and all of them showed that **the marriage was worth fighting for**. There is not one show that I know of that really shows that anymore. Marriage in shows now is a reflection of something Paul was dealing with back in Corinth.

Introduction

In Paul's day in Corinth both Jewish and Greek culture practiced divorce, and they practiced it at a scale that was probably at a greater rate than what we see today. BTW I checked the current marriage and divorce statistics, and I discovered divorce rates are down a tad comparing 2022 to 2012 as shown in our last census information.¹ But our marriages in total were also down over a third in all 50 states, with the number of divorces being higher in states where politically they are more Blue. What the research shows is that less people are getting married, the divorce rate is a little lower probably due to people settling for living together outside of marriage, in a government that has tried to manipulate people away from traditional marriage, while increasing the

¹ <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/10/marriage-and-divorce.html>



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rate of abortion availability. As in if you take away the chance of pregnancy with post conception action, the less likely you are to feel the desire to be married. Especially if media portrays marriage as stupid and demeaning. All of that to say that what we are about to cover in today's text, Divorce among believers, is very essential and I pray enlightening for us.

That is also not to say that if you are in this room or listening to this sermon and you have been through a divorce, are contemplating divorce, or a child of a divorce home, and most importantly you are trying to teach the next generation the truth about divorce, then there is knowledge in this sermon that is helpful for you. God's will for marriage and the Christian home is revealed in the text today, His grace for the sinner is displayed today, and His desire for your future is all right there in the text. God's Word speaks to all situations in our life, and provides clear parameters for our obedience, worship, and fulfillment, if we will but listen. And if you listen close today, I believe you will hear this message loud and clear.

MP:

**Marriage gives Hope to the Loss
And gives Sanctification to the Saved.**

Divorce is not a fix all for your marital angst because marriage and what it delivers is more than happiness. Marriage is the main instrument in the Salvation of the Lost in the marriage, and it is the main way in which God sanctifies and draws people unto Him. Therefore, divorce is **always the Last Option** for any Christian and even then, there are very specific parameters of when it is allowed.

To understand this better we are going to break up our message this way. 1st we will look at the fact that Paul makes right up front, that **Believers who are married should avoid divorce**. Marriage unbroken, has been God's will since the beginning and it matters not what culture says is permissible. 2nd even then **believers in mixed-faith marriages should try and remain married**. Because there is one person in the marriage who may not be saved does not give the Christian the Green Light to go ahead and divorce them. 3rd and last, we will see **that believers who are deserted by a loss spouse are not to carry**



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shame about that, if it was not their choice. God is a God of peace and calls us not to live under condemnation based on another's actions.

1. Believers who are married should avoid divorce.

¹⁰To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband

First thing first. Paul at this point wants to be clear this is not an opinion he's about to give. Not that he doesn't have the right as an Apostle here to make the call. Apostles speak for the Lord, there is no difference in how we should receive that, but he wants to make it clear that the Lord Jesus has spoken on this very thing before. What is that topic? It's the topic of divorce. The word in the Greek there translates into 'separate', but in those days, there was no such thing as our modern view of separation. This was to leave in a final and legal transition back into singleness.

So just from these first two verses there are four things we can take away as the will of God as it pertains to Marriage.

God desires for Marriage to be permanent.

As I said earlier divorce was a problem even among the Jews who had made it a practice of law to try and find things to divorce their wife over. As we noted in the SoM series ([Sermon](#), [PDF Transcript](#)) if there was something to be found lacking in your wife you were looked down on as a man if you did not divorce her. Strange though that in the last book of the OT before the Jews return to Jerusalem, the prophet Malachi had tried to set things right:

Malachi 2:15-16 ESV

¹⁵Did he not make them one ([Gen 2:24-25](#)), with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶"For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."



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He calls divorce an act of faithlessness, you don't believe in God and His commands, and sees divorce as an act of violence, the tearing apart of the 2 who are one. This is why Jesus has to readdress it because they did not listen to His servant the first time.

Matthew 5:31-32 ESV

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ([Deut 24:1-4](#)) ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

There is nothing in God's Word that tells us or leads us to believe that Divorce is an option for the Christian, outside of unconfessed and unrepentant adultery. With that being settled then watch how Paul deals with those that have already taken this leap.

¹¹(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

God views remarriage outside of sexual unfaithfulness as sinful and wrong.

Paul obviously at this time is probably addressing the situation we covered last week. For some in the church they have decided to remain celibate. They had chosen to try and flee sexual immorality by denying each other conjugal rights. Of course, based on last week we see that drives people to sexual immorality ([1Cor 7:1-2](#)). Now Paul addresses these couples that have drifted apart and tells them that no matter what your reasoning was, **if not for adultery those separations are not valid in God's sight**. Therefore, don't get remarried for that will then be adultery and a rejection of the Christian's life. What you were trying in vain to preserve and honor in yourself by divorcing your spouse, you have tainted and caused violence to your life and theirs, according to the prophet Malachi.

Family that's what has been happening in the American church over the last 55 years. We have allowed the world to sell the **us 'no-fault' divorce**.



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California enacted the **Family Law Act of 1969**, which states that you no longer had to have evidence of adultery in or to get divorce.² Ever since then this has been peddled into the church causing almost as many divorces in the church as outside the church. The rise of the divorce rate in the church family is not a sign of cultural evolution and improvements for an individual's mental and emotional state. It is the accepting of demonic 2,000-year-old pagan practices, that the church condemned centuries ago. It also reveals the watered-down theology of the modern church and the dangers of the Synagogues of Satan that advocate for it. No fault divorce says no thank you to God for what He has joined and rejects His designs for marriage.

God allows for separation in a troubled marriage.

This is actually a review from last week, but this is good to be reminded of right here. Paul understands that there are some tough circumstances when you get married. There are things that will take more patience, taking more skill than what you may have at the moment, and there may be enough hurt where you are having trouble making good decisions. From last week Paul said this:

1 Corinthians 7:5 ESV

⁵Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

All of this to say you can take a t.o. when you need it, as long as you are focusing on reconciliation and seeking God's will for next steps. Separation, should never be months at a time that according to Paul would not work for it allows sexual immorality to creep in. The more time apart could lead to daydreaming about that person that will finally understand you. That's a lie by the Devil btw, God gave you the person that understands you and is good for you already, perhaps that's why you may be having a hard time (sanctification). God wants to use a hard bump in your life now to smooth out the rest of your life with the one He has chosen for you.

² <https://www.gavel.io/resources/no-fault-divorce>



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God has provided the church as well, and a disciplinary process for reconciliation for marriages in rough spots. The sooner you engage with God and His people the sooner the relationship can be healed. Let me just say though that is an ongoing need in everyone's marriage. The church is not a come and get your fix every once in a while, thing, it is an all the time need for God honoring marriages and homes.

God always desires for reconciliation to take place if possible.

Paul has put it here very plain and understandable; *this is not my opinion on this, this is not a suggestion this is a command of the Lord!* BUT one should also notice that neither God through His Apostle Paul, nor God through His prophet Malachi, nor the Lord Himself in Matthew 5, says we must follow as a command that, 'you **must divorce** when there has been adultery'. There is no command, but instead a declarative statement stating you have grounds should you so desire to divorce.

Yes, **adultery too can be forgiven**, if you do the hard work of trust rebuilding, repentance, and reestablishing the relationship again. There is more glory for God and His people in rebuilding a relationship than to let it die. (see [Hosea 1-3](#), and witness God's desire to model His faithfulness).

Rebuilding hurt and damaged marital relationships is the ultimate picture of the Gospel to this fallen world. The world has made personal and individual rights and the individual pursuit of happiness the pinnacle of existence. BUT, the Gospel says, *God so loved the World that He 'GAVE' His only Son that whosoever believes in Him will have eternal life, (John 3:16)*. A Divine life had already been given to have happiness if you but believe in Him! Christian, you don't go chasing happiness outside His will for your life leaving that which He has joined. You embrace your hard calling of marriage and through the faith developed in the fight, obeying His commands of forgiving one another, sacrificing for one another, and submitting one to another, you WILL find joy! **Joy is found in the marriage when you look at it as a relationship that God is using to save you not hurt you.**



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Believers are to avoid divorce, if at all possible, for it is through a troubled marriage that God will redeem the broken, sanctify His people, and glorify Himself in front of this world. AND that my friend is something to give your life for!

2. Believers in mixed-faith marriages should try and remain married.

¹²To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

So again, Paul is making the statement here that the Lord did not teach on this topic before, so this may be something new for the church. Probably because Corinth was having a much harder time dealing with this, so it needs to be introduced now into church doctrine. Remember Paul is speaking for Christ as an Apostle and this particular teaching family, has never been challenged in 2,000 years, this is the view of God, as given by Paul.

One of the things we have to reconcile though is that not too long ago in Israel's history, in the return home by the Jews who were exiled, there was a mass divorce that was commanded for all of God's people.

Ezra 10:10-11 ESV (458 BC)

¹⁰And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have broken faith and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. ¹¹Now then make confession to the Lord, the God of your fathers and do his will. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."

The problem was specific to Israel and her covenant with God. As a Jew under the Old Covenant, they were not allowed to be married to a Gentile. The only way that could work is if that person converted to Judaism. This was not the case in Ezra's day. This was a foreign invasion of pagan gods, through emotional connections and manipulations, instigated by invaders, and in order for Israel to keep their blessings of the covenant, they had to correct the sin. Marriages were ended not because of the meanness of God but



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because again of the selfishness of the people in their love of self over God and His desires/commands. This was a natural consequence of their behavior.

So, what we see here in Corinthians is that Paul is not ignoring the OT law, picking and choosing whatever he desired, BUT He must take into consideration now **the New Covenant and how it works**. The new administration of how we become God's people, through faith by Grace, by a deposit through the presence of the HS has changed now how people become God's people ([Eph 2:8-9](#)).

God in Corinth was doing a wonderful work, saving people out of the world, the problem is, that he was not saving both spouses at the same time! You can imagine what kind of turmoil this may cause in the homes where people were used to living lie a Corinthian. What Paul recognizes is that now that one of them may be saved, there's a good chance the other one may be saved as well. For now, there is the constant presence of the HS in that home! The saved spouse had been taken into the church not by physical birth but by spiritual birth, avoiding pagan contamination for the change has been done from the inside out. It seems the same God who hates divorce may have some ideas about how He wants to display His goodness in Corinth through already existing marriages.

Paul later in 2 Corinthians clears up what may have been taken for a mistake of how to save people in Corinth with this later comment.

2 Corinthians 6:14 ESV

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Alright great place just to leave this here, you don't go looking for the unsaved person thinking you will save them by your influence through marriage. God has called us to not marry out of faith. When you on purpose go against God's will for Kingdom building you actually are like the people of Ezra's day rejecting the will of God, and desire relationship with a person over relationship with God.



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Alright, back now to our current predicament. Here's why Paul is saying though that if you find yourself in this predicament because it was a God-contrived matter then you don't leave.

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

The word Holy is also the word sanctified in the Greek. When the spouse remains with the unsaved person, by their union with them they are in their homes marking that person as one who comes under the blessing of God. They, the lost, by way of living with the saved spouse are spared the full extent of God's wrath, which is the turning of them over to their desire for sin, and by their lives with the saved spouse in the home gain the benefit of seeing the Gospel constantly lived out. That is how the act of sanctifying is happening here.

If the saved spouse were to leave, they also jeopardize their children. By staying, the children would be able to see, even when it is hard, the love of the Gospel on the unsaved spouse, whom they would also love. They would see the sacrifice of the saved person for the other and learn what it looks like to really care for someone even when it hurts. They would see Jesus in the saved spouse leading them to want to trust in the Lord.

Family even though this picture of life Paul is describing here may be harder in some ways than just calling it quits and starting over, it is a beautiful portrayal of the love of God for a lost world. (Mom)

Believers should remain married to unbelievers if they consent to it for marriage can give hope to the lost and sanctifies the believer.

3. Believers who are deserted by the unbelieving shall put away shame.

¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.



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Now sometimes, and we don't know if it was more of the time or not, the burden would be more than the unsaved spouse could bare. You may be thinking how could that be, how could it be that living with someone who wants to love Jesus and show you that love, would not want you?

Well, I can tell you this much, for a man who married a young woman and brought her into his home he would have brought her in with the understanding of what god they would worship and what that would entail. **Back in those days most of the time the wife would adopt the religion of the man.** Then only to find that if his wife would have encountered Jesus, that would mean he the husband was no longer #1 in the home. She now obeys another man; the Lord Jesus now reigns in their heart! She can't go to the temples anymore, she can't party like she use to with the other Corinthians, her lifestyle has changed for her heart has changed. So, the guy would have a brand-new person in his home, for that person he would have married doesn't exist anymore! Sometimes that was just too much for the spouse.

Paul says and now pay attention for this is still applicable today, if that person who is not saved does not want to remain married to you, you are to let them go. Now let's just be clear, that is the decision they have come to, that is not from the saved person making it hard in the marriage on purpose and trying to leave clues all over the place. Rather they must be the one that decides, for the Christian cannot turn their back on the Lord, so the unsaved spouse must make up their mind. OK so if that's the case then what?

Paul also wants that person to know that is God's will then, God doesn't want that person enslaved to a person that does not want them. **God has called you to peace.** The person that would hate God would hate you, and they would be under God's wrath, that is not God's plan for the saved person. They have come to peace through Christ, He has brought them to the Father, who has made peace by letting His Son absorb that wrath for that person. God's desire is for us to live free in the Gospel, there is no condemnation for the person that is left by the person that did not want them. It is essentially the same status as being a widow. Family in this situation if your spouse wants to leave and you have tried to love them as a Christian, you aren't the one getting the papers drawn



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up they are, if that is their choice, then it is time to be done with it, for God has called you to peace.

One last thing that Paul points out, he sums up his discourse with a logical plea based on the Sovereignty of God.

¹⁶For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Never ever think your spouse is too far gone to be saved! All people are dead in their sins and born depraved, all must be made alive to see Christ by the Spirit, no one really comes to know Jesus except by Grace, therefore NEVER assume that someone is outside the reach of God.

Family yes, the Lord does not want you to be enslaved, but before you decide to take the process in your own hands remember the truth you have learned today.

MP:

**Marriage gives Hope to the Loss
And gives Sanctification to the Saved.**

[CALL TO OBEY]

Family I call us to be obedient all the way down in our hearts which will be displayed in how we think and live out God's design for marriage. The things I want to bring to mind for us today are things that go against the grain in our modern culture, but they are things that are good for us if you want to be used in your marriage to sanctify your spouse.

Let us Refute the idea that marriage is about our immediate happiness.

Family there is nowhere in scripture that supports this, as a matter of fact most people would admit marriage is about working towards a mutual goal that will eventually bring happiness. If you are holding your spouse responsible for your emotional state, then you have put that person in the



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place where only God is supposed to be. Instead embrace the idea that happiness in the marriage comes and refute what the world has taught you.

Let us Reclaim our need to unconditionally forgive each other.

Here is the thing that will actually help you in building a successful marriage. You admit to yourself that your spouse will fail you, you admit to yourself that you will fail them, and therefore you embrace that the only thing you can do in the marriage is unconditionally forgive one another. Please know this, if you reclaim that need in your marriages, constant state of forgiveness, that will actually give you the joy in your relationship you were looking for.

Let us Recommit to the idea that our marriage is a picture of God's covenantal love.

Lastly family let us recommit to the idea that our marriage is a picture of God's relationship with us, it is a covenantal love. That means it is a love that never quits no matter what the other person does. There is not quit in a Christian when it comes to marriage, for Jesus never quits on us. This is how we please our Lord by helping our spouse see Jesus in the relationship by elevating His name higher than ours.

Family let us build a church and home together where we all can pass this down to the next generation, all for the glory of Jesus. May we be a church that embraces this truth.

MP:

**Marriage gives Hope to the Loss
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Would you pray with me for it is only through His power can this come true.

Prayer

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV



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For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. The Lord all His days was the last one to live out the Old Covenant and He was the first one to keep all if it right. Never has a man been able to keep all the law, never has a man been able to keep all his promises, and what's more never could a man give that benefit to anyone else, UNTIL the King Himself gave that right to us, His people. Praise be to Him for His commitment to the Father!

Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. At the end of His earthly life, it wasn't just enough to keep the covenant; restitution had to be made, wrath had to be absorbed, and the relationship restored with the throne of Heaven. By our Lord's wounds we are all healed and once again we are brought into a new covenant, this time His true people cannot lose. Praise be to Him for His wonderful love!

[CONFESSION OF FAITH]

* The Congregation will stand

Elder - **"Christians, what do we believe?"** Congregation - recites:

London Baptist Confession of Faith 1689 Chapter 25 Paragraph 3 Marriage Should be Between Believers

Marriage can be between anyone who is able to give consent with discernment. ⁵ However, Christians should marry in the Lord. ⁶ Those who profess the true religion should not marry non-believers or idolaters, and



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those who are godly should not be unequally yoked by marrying someone who lives evil lives or believes damnable heresy. 7

5. Hebrews 13:4; 1 Timothy 4:3

6. 1 Corinthians 7:39

7. Nehemiah 13:25-27

[OFFERING+LAST SONG]

[BENEDICTION]

Go in the name of the Father, that kept His Word and through His Son's victories in life, He imputed that righteousness to us.

Go in the name of the Son, that gives us a new and better covenant, by which we gain strength even when having to live with unbelievers.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, that strengthens us through our marriages, saves the lost in our homes, and opens eyes to the Love of God.



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