

When I think of *DIVORCE*, I think of _____.

DIVORCE: The Marriages of Heaven's Kingdom Citizens – Matthew 5:31-32

Marital faithfulness is an example of how the Kingdom of Heaven fulfills the Old Testament.

1. Jesus points to God's original intention for marriage to be a permanent union of a man and a woman until death. (Matthew 5:31-32)

- a. Moses' concession (Deut. 24:1) v. God's _____ (Genesis 2:21-24)
- b. Rabbi Shammai v. Rabbi Hillel: " _____ "
- c. Acts of marital unfaithfulness (porneia) that intentionally divide the marital relationship: (incest, homosexuality, prostitution, molestation, indecent exposure, etc.).

2. Scripture gives us the bigger picture.

- a. Be faithful to the covenant of marriage, not acting _____. Malachi 2:13-16
- b. The Gospel begins the _____ of hard hearts and redemption of marriages. (Matt 19:3-9)
- c. When an unbelieving spouse _____ a believer. (1 Corinthians 7:10-16)
- d. Is it ever _____ to divorce? When adultery or desertion kill the covenant.

3. Kingdom marriage is to demonstrate how God loves sinners by you loving your spouse.

- a. Contract relationship v. a Covenant relationship. Illustration: A _____ mentality.
- b. What about _____, illegal activity, or something that puts the family or lives at risk?
- c. Do everything you can to save your marriage before you _____.
- d. The "right person" _____.

God loves redeeming the worst situations, persons, and _____.

In the cross & resurrection is forgiveness for our sins and healing for sins done to us.

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