Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage – Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- They need it with compassion, and they need it with patience, and they need it with love. But they need God's truth without apology.
- We need to be equipped so that we can help to teach God's will to others.

1 Matthew 19: The Rule and the Exception

Matthew 19:9; Deuteronomy 24; Mark 10:11

- Whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman, commits adultery.
- Jesus was restoring God's original marriage law.
- The rule is whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery. That's the rule.
- What applies to the man applies to the woman. And so the rule applies both ways, and I think obviously, therefore, the exception would work both ways.
- It is a marriage of adultery. And as long as that marriage remains intact, then the adultery remains intact.
- But he has the option, and it is completely pleasing in God's sight.

2 Matthew 5: He Makes Her Commit Adultery

Matthew 5:31–32; Luke 16:18

- But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery.
- Then he adds, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- That makes her commit adultery means he puts her in a position to commit adultery.
- You see how selfish divorce for just any reason is? It is so selfish.
- Not only are you putting your soul in danger, but you're putting somebody else's soul in danger.
- He shares responsibility for her adultery, and he will stand in judgment for that.

3 Romans 7: Bound by Law Until Death

Romans 7:2–3; Romans 7:4; Matthew 19:6

- For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living. But if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning her husband.
- The point is death dissolves the bond, the binding.
- What we're talking about here is the law of God. Bound by law.
- It is God who does this binding when two people are married.
- It's possible to be married either with or without God's binding.

- You have to repent of the adultery, which means to end the adultery, which means to end the marriage in that case.

4 Adultery Does Not Automatically End a Binding

- Adultery does not automatically dissolve a binding.
- People want to make a way around it. That's what they want to do.
- And that's an abomination, of course. That's not what scripture teaches.
- So adultery does not automatically end a binding. Death does.
- Adultery gives the innocent party the option to divorce the guilty party.
- In the case that your spouse commits adultery, God gives you the one pair of scissors that can cut that tie, that cord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So if you're going to enter into that with somebody, be sure that it's somebody you want to be with forever.**

MY NOTES