Our Culture's Attack On Marriage

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INTRODUCTION

- And so we are charged in this crooked and perverse generation to shine out as lights, to be sure that we hang on with all that's in us to the word of life.
- Because in a crooked and perverse generation, there are many things working against us as we try to stand for Jesus. Not the least of which are things that have to do with marriage and family.

1 Marriage Is Honorable: God's Original Intention

Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:3–6

- If it doesn't work, it's because we're not making it work. It's not because God's plan was in any way flawed.
- Hebrews 13 and verse 4 says, marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled. But fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.
- In the beginning God made male and female. That's two different genders.
- It was never God's intent for there to be divorce at all. And when God joins a couple together, a male and a female, it was his intent for that to last for life.

2 Things Have Degenerated in Our Culture

- Things have degenerated in the United States of America in our culture over the last 50 to 60 years.
- In the 1960s, the percentage of divorces compared to marriages was 16%. In the 1980s, it had jumped to 50%.
- Divorce is horrendously impactful upon children. It is the greatest sadness to see their own mother and father split apart.
- One of the saddest days in our culture in this age, was when our Supreme Court ruled that our constitution not only supports but undergirds the marriage of two people of the same sex.

3 God's View on Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

Romans 7:1–3; Matthew 19:3–9; Matthew 5:31–32

- When human beings in their culture take what God says and turn it on its head, that will not be done with impunity.
- When a man and a woman marry, they are bound by God's law as long as they live. That's what God intended.
- So the general principle of Scripture is you stay married for life.
- There's one exception taught by Christ. And that is people who put away their spouse for the cause of sexual immorality and remarry do not commit adultery.

4 Husbands Who Follow Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:25–29; Philippians 2:5–8; 1 Peter 3:7

- A Christian can live in any culture and overcome with the power of God.
- Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.
- Our Lord Jesus came to give himself on behalf of his bride, not for her to serve him, but for him to serve her.
- My job is to learn how to nourish who my wife is physically, spiritually, mentally, to help her grow in all those areas by the proper nourishment.
- Husbands, your wives ought to feel warm and cozy because you're there. Protected and cared for, tenderly, guarded.
- This is fragile. It's easily broken. It's a treasure. It's something you want to take care of. Protect.

5 Godly Wives Can Overcome Corrupting Cultures

Ephesians 5:22–24; 1 Peter 3:1–4; Titus 2:3–5

- Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.
- Everybody is to submit to somebody.
- If you choose to marry, you are choosing voluntarily to place yourself under the headship of your husband, which means submission.
- The spirit that's precious to God is a gentle and quiet spirit.
- Obedience does not necessarily mean you're putting up with ungodly, abusive behavior from your husband. You obey God rather than men.
- Godly wives can overcome corrupting cultures. Even inside families. After 40 years.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're here and you need the gospel of Jesus Christ in any way, won't you come while we stand?**

MY NOTES