Who Is Free To Marry?

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INTRODUCTION

- In fact, during their trials and conflicts, they decided to get a divorce.
- Jill has been married before... but John's never been married, and they... fall in love and they get married.
- More importantly, what does God think about this? Is God pleased with this?

1 People Who Have Never Been Married and Bound

Matthew 19:3–6; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- People who've never been married and bound are able to get married according to the Bible.
- What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.
- God's will for marriage from the beginning was for it to last a lifetime.
- God made marriage to benefit all mankind.

2 The Person Whose Spouse Has Died

1 Corinthians 7:39; Romans 7:2

- The person whose spouses died is also free to marry.
- A woman is bound as long as her husband lives, but if he dies, she is free to marry someone who is scripturally able to marry.
- When death separates individuals, they're no longer bound, Paul says, and the survivor is free to marry again.

3 Put Their Spouse Away for Sexual Immorality

Matthew 19:9

- They could forgive and stay in the relationship.
- Except for immorality, and marries another woman, commits adultery.
- When an innocent person puts a guilty person away for sexual morality, the innocent person is free to go and marry someone who's scripturally able to marry and not be in sin.

4 People Who Are Reconciled

1 Corinthians 7:10–11; Matthew 19:6

- If she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be... Reconciled to her husband.
- The unlawfully divorced couple is not free to go and marry other people.
- But they are allowed to reconcile.
- God doesn't prohibit reconciliation of the original couple.

5 The Difference Between Married and Bound

Mark 10:11–12; Romans 7:2–3

- We got to understand the difference between being married and bound.
- Whoever divorces wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.
- She's called an adulteress because she's married to one man while still bound by God's law to her first husband.
- Even though she's married to John… She's not bound to John. She's actually bound to Jack.

6 Four Different Situations: Married and Bound

Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:11; Mark 6:17–18

- First, you could be the person who's both bound and scripturally married to the same person.
- But you could also be somebody who's bound and unmarried.
- This is permissive for the innocent, not for the guilty.
- And then you could also be bound to the first mate while unlawfully married to somebody else.
- For John had been saying… to Herod, it's not lawful… for you to have your brother's wife.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We got to teach the truth. No compromise.**

MY NOTES