



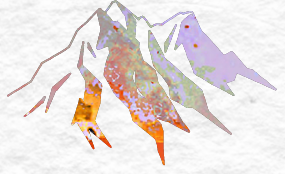
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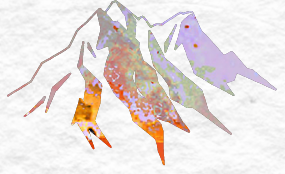




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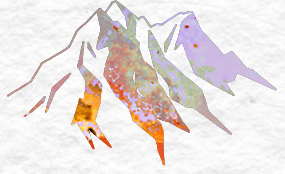


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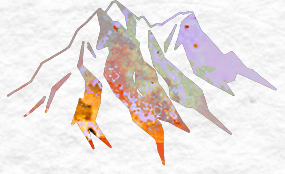
# 1. Christian Commitment And Marriage



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Some Pharisees approached him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on any grounds?"<sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that he who created them in the beginning made them male and female,<sup>5</sup> and he also said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

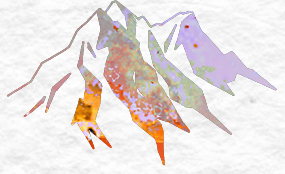




“So in the one-flesh union of marriage, all the boundaries between a man and a woman fall away, and the married couple comes together completely, as long as they both shall live. In real terms, two selfish me’s start learning to think like one unified us, building a new life together with one total everything: one story, one purpose, one reputation, one bed, one suffering, one budget, one family, and so forth.”

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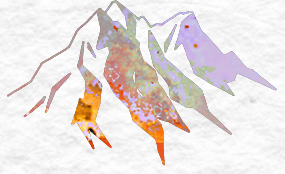
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<sup>7</sup> “Why then,” they asked him, “did Moses command us to give divorce papers and to send her away?”

<sup>8</sup> He told them, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts, but it was not like that from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery.”







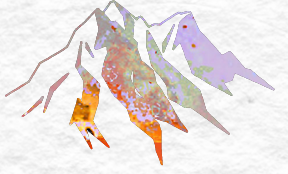
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<sup>10</sup> His disciples said to him, “If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it’s better not to marry.”

<sup>11</sup> He responded, “Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given.



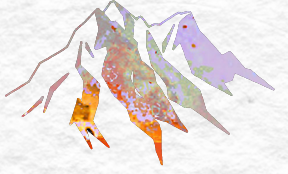
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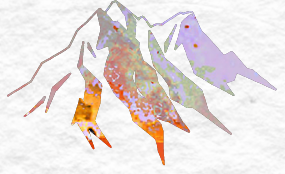


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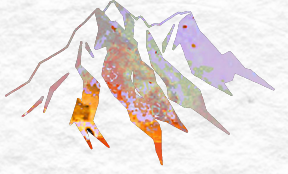


## 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

<sup>12</sup> But I (not the Lord) say to the rest: If any brother has an unbelieving wife and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> Also, if any woman has an unbelieving husband and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce her husband. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is made holy by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy by the husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy. <sup>15</sup> But if the unbeliever leaves, let him leave. A brother or a sister is not bound in such cases. God has called you to live in peace. <sup>16</sup> Wife, for all you know, you might save your husband. Husband, for all you know, you might save your wife.




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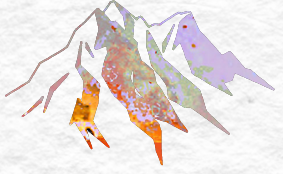


"How different is the biblical perspective! In God's Word, marriage and love are for the tough-minded. Marriage is commitment; and, far from backing out when the going gets tough, marriage partners are to sort out their difficulties in the light of Scripture. They are to hang in there improving their relationship, working away at it, precisely because they have vowed before God and man to live together and love each other for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness as I health, until death separates them. Love is the determined commitment to seek the other's good, to cherish, shelter, nurture, edify, and show patience with one's partner."

**D.A CARSON**



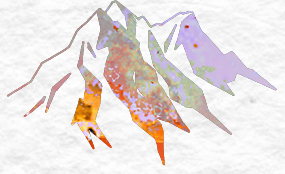
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## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

