



FROM THE BIBLE

John 13:35 (NLT)

Matthew 19:3-9 (NLT)

Malachi 2:16 (NLT)

1 Corinthians 7:15 (NLT)

Matthew 18:6 (TPT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

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1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about a legend in his family, *Granny Jones*. In the 90s, she drove a 1960s Chevy Bel-Air, had an outhouse, & a 'guard rooster' in her yard. Do you have any 'characters' or 'legends' in your family and why?
2. The point of the opening story was that there were some things in Joel's family growing up that you just didn't talk about like *Granny Jones'* whiskers. The same thing happens in the church where there's certain things you just don't talk about. Almost like it's off limits. In this message, we covered one of those by talking about divorce. Joel said, 25% of adults have been through one and 100% of people have been impacted by one, so why is it important to talk about it?
3. Read John 13:35. How should this verse inform how we treat those who have been through a divorce?
4. Discuss this quote from the message, *the only army that shoots its wounded is the Christian army*. How does that apply to this topic?
5. Read Matthew 19:3-9. What is the goal of the Pharisees in this passage (hint, verse 3). Why does that matter?
6. Instead of answering their question at 1st, Jesus decided to talk about the beauty of marriage first (verses 4-6). Why is this important to remember in this conversation?
7. Read Matthew 19:8 and Malachi 2:16. What phrase is repeated and why (hint, it's beating right now)?
8. The Bible does say, *God hates divorce*. The Bible never says, *God hates divorced people*. Why is that so important for all of us to remember?
9. Joel ended this message by telling a childhood story of a woman that was brought into his house after being abused by her husband. She ended up getting a divorce for the safety of herself and her kids. The night this traumatic event happened, he saw the ladies from his church surround and care for her. How does that story illustrate the roll of the church in the devastation of divorce.
10. What is your one takeaway or perspective change because of this message?