



WEEK 1: A CONDITIONAL HOPE

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Hebrews 13:4 - Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

THE SECRET TO OUR MARITAL FLOURISHING IS THAT WE SPEND ZERO TIME FIGURING OUT HOW GOD'S INSTRUCTION IN THE BIBLE DOESN'T APPLY TO US OR IS IRRELEVANT TO OUR CULTURE, AND LOT OF TIME FIGURING OUT WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS AND HOW TO DO IT ("REGARDLESS OF HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT")

Matthew 19:3-12 - And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?"⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."¹¹ But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given."¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

DYING CULTURES DON'T PRODUCE THRIVING MARRIAGES OR THRIVING INDIVIDUALS

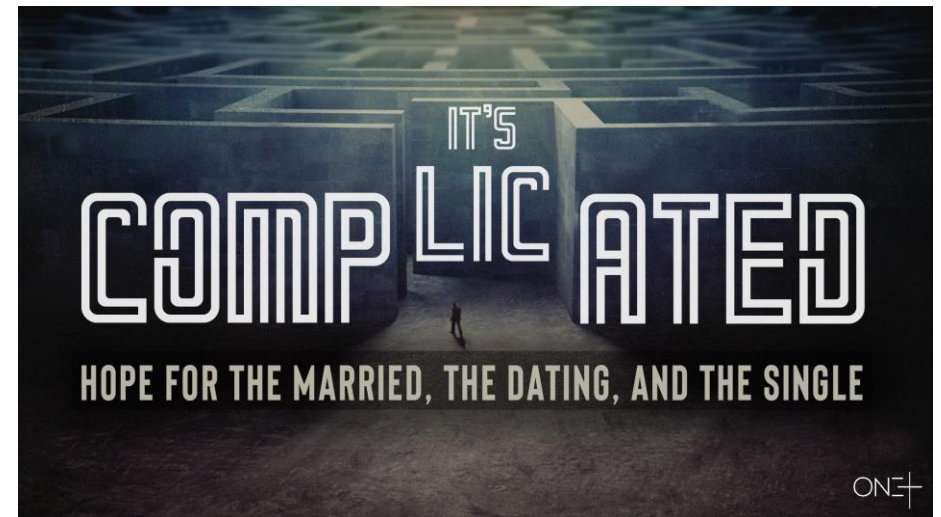
1 Corinthians 3:18-20 - Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

COMPROMISING CHURCHES DON'T PRODUCE POWERFUL MARRIAGES OR POWERFUL INDIVIDUALS

Matthew 7:24-27 - "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

IS THERE HOPE FOR MY MARRIAGE, DATING, OR SINGLENESS? YES... BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE WILLING TO CONFORM YOUR BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS TO GOD'S WORD RATHER THAN GOD'S WORD TO YOUR BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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