



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING

finding clarity in the chaos



NOTES

for today's message

Series based on book, From This Day Forward, by Craig and Amy Groeschel)

WE COMMIT TO:

1. Seek God
2. Fight fair
3. Have fun
4. Stay pure
5. Never give up

MATTHEW 19:1-3 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. 3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

MATTHEW 19:4-6 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."

- Jesus' response was a shock to the culture they lived in; He created a new standard.

"You can't un-one what God made one." - Andy Stanley

- Marriage is a covenant not a contract
 - A **contract** is based on a mutual distrust
 - A **covenant** is based on mutual commitment
- Marriage is a big deal to God
 - It is designed by God to display God in a way that nothing else does.

EPHESIANS 5:31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

- Marriage is patterned after Christ’s covenant commitment to his church.
- Christ knew he would have to pay his own blood for his redeemed bride.
 - He called this relationship **the new covenant**—

LUKE 22:20 “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

- What makes divorce so horrific in God’s eyes is not just covenant breaking to the spouse, but misrepresenting Christ and his covenant.
- *“To get divorced because you run out of love, is like selling your car because you’ve run out of gas.”* -Craig Groeschel, From This Day Forward

PRINCIPLES OF SOWING AND REAPING:

GALATIANS 6:7-9NIV Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1. You Reap What You Sow

- Whatever you plant is what you produce

2. You Reap Where You Sow

- If we plant all of our energy into our hobbies, kids, etc. and neglect our marriage, they won’t grow.

- Our marriage can be as good as we decide it can be.

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