



God's Purpose for Marriage

Marriage from the Beginning:

1. God intended marriage to be beautiful and to make each person's life _____.

Genesis 2:21-24 (NLT)

"The Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. 'At last!' the man exclaimed. 'This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called "woman," because she was taken from "man.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."

2. Sin corrupted the _____ potential of marriage, but not God's original intent for it.

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)

"You will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."

Marriage During the Time of Jesus:

Matthew 5:31-32 (NIV)

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

Deuteronomy 24:1 (NKJV)

"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce..."

Matthew 19:3 (NIV)

"Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?'"

What Is Jesus Saying to Us About Marriage?

1. We are to be preoccupied with making marriage _____, not with trying to find ways to _____.

What about Divorce?

"Anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

1. All divorce is the result _____.
2. Jesus offers _____, healing and cleansing from the sin of divorce.