

**Weekend Message Questions**  
**Confessions: Week 4**  
**Marriage**  
**May 6-7, 2023**

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**CHECK-IN:** *Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.*

**DISCUSS THESE STATS:**

- About 50% of marriages end in divorce and the percentages go way up for 2nd and 3rd marriages (73%).
- Average length of a marriage prior to divorce is 8 years.
- 66% of men and 74% of women think their spouse should have worked harder to save their marriage.
- People are waiting much longer to get married than ever before: age 32 for men, age 30 for women.
- The Religion with the Highest Divorced Population Is Evangelical Protestant.
- Those not affiliated with any religion are less likely to marry and more likely to divorce than individuals with religious beliefs.

**DISCUSS:**

- What are the various seasons of marriage, and what unique struggles accompany each?
- What are some of the common threads you have seen between marriages that are flourishing?
- What are some of the common threads you have seen between marriages that are in trouble?

**READ:** Ephesians 5:21b

- What about submitting “to one another” tends to be difficult?
- Why is it important that we submit to one another “out of reverence for Christ”?

**Pray to close.**

**Can you use prayer?** <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>