

The Gospel of Mark – Marriage, The Original Intent

Mark 10:1-12 – July 5, 2026

Mark 10:1

Intro – He arose from home base

Jesus leaves Capernaum for the last time.

Where is He going? He leaves Capernaum. Destination? The cross.

The masses gathering (again) (It is a common thing)

And as He was accustomed, He taught them (again)

*If you come to Jesus your going to get **Bible clarity** and **Bible conviction**
(not as the scribes)*

In Matthew's account, Jesus gave the most focused, clear, and convicting teaching on forgiveness EVER! Then a few Pharisees slide to the front and question Jesus.

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Marriage is a condition of Divine expression and activity, therefore where its fundamental significances are forgotten, and its fundamental laws are disobeyed, it becomes the most tragic of all experiences. Any nation which forgets the Divine ordinance of marriage, and what it means, will become a ruin, in spite of all its strength in other things.

Mark 10:2-5

There is always someone...

Was this out of left field or in line with what He was speaking on?

Either way the Lord can handle it.

No matter what is going on in your life, the Lord can handle it and has an answer for it, but *are you ready to receive it.*

Q: Is it lawful

Motive: Testing Him: Probing, poking, testing... let's see if He can hit this one.

Rather than asking Him for advice on how to strengthen marriage, they are asking if they are allowed to dissolve it.

They went as far back as Moses and the Law

(Deuteronomy 24:1-4)

(THE LEAVE OUT HOW NARROW MOSES WAS)

Jesus doesn't deny the Law, rather, He exposes the reason for it.

Well, Moses let us.

Well, not exactly. Your hearts were so hard, Moses didn't permit it, he put up with it.

Older English translations say, Moses suffered us...

Deuteronomy does not open the door for divorce; it fills the gaping hole that a wicked and wayward society had created.

Then, as it is now, divorce was a prevailing evil.

Jesus exposes the reason for the law in the first place.

Because of the **hardness** of man's heart.

Stubbornness of heart, an unyielding disposition

To become resistant to God

Not, **"their heart"** but **"YOUR heart."** (makes it personal quick 1,400 year leap)

"Not, what does God want but how much can I get away with?"

Mark 10:6-9 ORIGINAL INTENT (Legal Term)

Original intent is the principle that a law, constitution, contract, or written document should be interpreted according to what its authors and ratifiers intended it to mean when it was adopted.

The idea is that the meaning of the text is anchored in its historical context rather than being changed to fit modern values or circumstances.

If you want to go back, go all the way back to what God did IN THE BEGINNING.

Mark 10:6-9

Definition by Essence

Classical Logic, tracing back to Aristotle

"Once the essence is defined, everything inconsistent with that definition is excluded automatically."

"A triangle is a three-sided polygon."

I don't have to say:

- **It's not a square**
- **It's not a circle**
- **It's not a pentagon**
- **It's not a horse**
- **It's not blue**

Male & Female (GOD MADE) – Idaho recognized (society is getting it's mind back)

First State in the Nation to pass a law that put a safeguard around women's sports.

- 2020 – Passed "Fairness in Women's Sports Act"
- Challenged and taken all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court
 - Little v. Hecox
 - 6 days ago, on June 30th, Idaho's Bill was upheld and passed at the highest level. (Title IX & Equal Protection Act is not violated)

Primary qualification: they are male and female – Jesus never said? Oh really?!

Instruction

100% the most important marital perspective to have and maintain.

Leave and cleave (THIS IS YOUR WISE COUNCIL) - if you cannot, the marriage cannot – a million times over what you gain through unity cannot be bought with money

LEAVE – the number of couples struggling because the umbilical cord of their previous family was never cut is overwhelming.

2014 – Dennison, Koerner, & Segrin (Published in Journal of Family Psychology)
Found that **family-of-origin characteristics (including parental conflict, divorce, and problematic relational patterns)** were associated with **lower marital satisfaction in newlyweds**.

2020 Lavner, Bradbury, & Karney (PubMed)

Lower satisfaction, more negative communication patterns, high risk of marital strain over time. Family pressures spill into the marriage and weaken a couple's functioning

Weakened marital unity

- Decisions get outsourced
- Spouses don't fully trust each other
- Marital bond becomes secondary to the parental bond
- Makes loyalty more difficult to commit to (Tug-o-war that shouldn't exist)
- Undermines the "one flesh" principle

Opinion from family can become pressure rather than advice

Delayed emotional maturity in the marriage

- Independent decision-making
- Shared responsibility
- Mutual problem solving
- **Weaken the bond God intended for a husband and wife to create**
- Pressure creates unity (CLAY Pink & Blue make purple)

Conscientiously or Subcon (even if it starts peacefully and is welcomed)

- Resentment and being excluded
- Lack of respect, honor, and value
- The husband won't be seen as the spiritual leader
- The wife will not be seen as a helpmate or homemaker

Summary

Healthy support helps marriages.

Control, **interference**, or dependency tends to weaken them.

Parents: healthy Advisors

Spouse: Primary Partner/Team member (mom and dad are outside advisors, not team members)

CLEAVE

Mommy & daddy are no longer your covering, your conviction
(Well, dad said, mom said.)

Like adding baking soda and vinegar to the volcano, Leave & Cleave will cause a marriage to take off with power and momentum.

Carpentry: the glue is a stronger bond than the wood itself.

I'll break before we break.

FUSED TOGETHER AS ONE...

Egg and sperm come together to ignite a new life, with a new heart, a new mind, etc.

Husband and wife are fused together and are ONE BEING

WALK OUT SONG?

Frank Sinatra, "I did it my way"

Is your life more about fulfilment or obedience?

The path TO fulfilment is paved with obedience

Intimate and **enduring** is the only intent God has for marriage

Let not man separate

(9) Marriage is done BY GOD, what HE HAS JOINED TOGETHER

Let not man separate – **abuse and stuff** (The marital exception clause (Matt. 9:9))

NOTE: Divorce is always a tragedy and is a departure from God's divine creation and intent.

You said yes to God's plan... it's not your relationship to end.

What GOD brought together, you have no right to separate

You didn't have to say yes, but now that you did, you cannot say no.

IN THE HOUSE (10-12) – After church you may need to get alone with Jesus

Roman Law allowed women to divorce men

Jesus came when He did, in part it was a time when language and transportation would carry the message further than ever before. Additionally, the Roman occupation of Israel and over the Jewish people gave opportunity for the Lord to speak into a culture that, until His return, would be for the first time, timeless and applicable multiculturally FOREVER.

(11-12) Commits adultery

God sees you as still married

Marriage Certificate

WHY?!?! - Ephesians 5:31-32

Marriage is not about marriage; it is intended to be a reflection of how God is with us.

Puzzle that shows God – commitment, care, compassion, provision, & oneness

**No longer 2 – old things have passed away
One flesh – new creation and one with Christ
Bound together**

**What if marriage does not expose your commitment to each other as much
as it does your commitment to the Lord?**

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 5:31-32

Matthew 19:3-12

Mark 10:1-12

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Romans 7:1-3

Ephesians 5:22-33

Colossians 3:18-19

1 Peter 3:1-7

Hebrews 13:4

Malachi 2:14-16a