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# MORE THAN THIS?

Part 2

## MORE TO MARRIAGE?

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?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning." Matthew 19:3-8

BECAUSE OF OUR SPIRITUAL BROKENNESS  
THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF MANY  
IS WHEN IT IS OKAY TO GET A DIVORCE.

BUT BECAUSE OF HIS HEART,  
JESUS' PRIMARY CONCERN  
IS FOR US TO UNDERSTAND  
GOD'S INTENTION FOR MARRIAGE!

GOD IS LOVE, AND HE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED  
MARRIAGE TO BE...

1. ...A \_\_\_\_\_  
UNION/RELATIONSHIP!

"Haven't you read," he replied,  
"that at the beginning the Creator  
'made them male and female...'"

Matthew 19:4

2. ...THE ULTIMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
UNION/RELATIONSHIP!

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother  
and be united to his wife...'

Matthew 19:5

3. ...A \_\_\_\_\_  
UNION/RELATIONSHIP!

...and the two will become one...

Matthew 19:5

**GOD IS LOVE, AND HE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO BE...**

**4. ...A \_\_\_\_\_ UNION/RELATIONSHIP!**

“...the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.”  
Matthew 19:4-6  
(See also I Corinthians 6:16)

**5. ...A \_\_\_\_\_ UNION/RELATIONSHIP!**

“Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”  
Matthew 19:6

**6. ...A \_\_\_\_\_ UNION/RELATIONSHIP!**

“Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.”  
Matthew 19:8

**THE KEY TO EXPERIENCING THE “MORE” TO MARRIAGE THAT GOD HAS ALWAYS INTENDED FOR US IS TO...**

**1. ...BECOME \_\_\_\_\_ ENGAGED INSTEAD OF \_\_\_\_\_ EMPTY!**

Husbands love your wives,  
just as Christ loved the church...  
Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands  
as you do to the Lord.  
Ephesians 5:25, 22  
(See also Colossians 3:18, I Peter 3:1, Titus 1:4-5,  
Genesis 3:16, Genesis 4:7)

**2. ...BECOME \_\_\_\_\_ ORIENTED INSTEAD OF \_\_\_\_\_!**

In your relationships with one another,  
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...  
Philippians 2:5 (See also Mark 10:42-45)

**3. ...BECOME COMMITTED TO \_\_\_\_\_ INSTEAD OF HOLDING GRUDGES!**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.  
Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,  
brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.  
Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you