

Mark: The Church in Formation

MARRIAGE: BLISS OR BATTLE?

Divorce in my house?

Mark 10

A PRACTICAL WORD (“OF THE HARDNESS OF HEART”)

- Keep forgiving
- Keep believing

A PROFOUND WORD (“THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE”)

- Through Divine surgery
- Through a commitment to maturity

A PRESERVING WORD (“WHAT GOD HAS JOINED LET NO MAN SEPERATE”)

Forces against the family:

- Independence (Eph. 5:21; Col. 3:18-19)
- Non-commitment (Eccl. 5:4-7)
- Other institutions (Rev. 17:1-5; James 3:13-15)
- No controls (Jude 10-11)
- Worldly media (Eph. 4:14, 18; 6:12)
- Materialism (1 Tim. 6:17; Matt. 6:24)
- The Spirit of Divorce (Mal. 2:15; Eph. 6:12)

FORTIFYING MARRIAGES

- Having godly values and commitments (Josh. 24:15)
- Having godly friends and family (1 Cor. 15:33)
- Having godly protection (Prov. 9:1; 14:1)
- Having godly counsel (Prov. 11:14)

FORNICATION IN MARRIAGE

Steps toward emotional or physical adultery (from the lives of David and Solomon):

- A communication breakdown
- Boredom with marital sex
- Foreign attachments
- Misguided romantic feelings
- Violating the physical and emotional barriers

FORGIVENESS IN MARRIAGE

- Vision
- Vicious cycles



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