
MAN WOMAN WILD HARD HEARTS

THE TRAP

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. ² Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. ³ 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?"
Matthew 19:1-3

THE BEGINNING

"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'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."
Matthew 19:4-6

THE HEART OF THE ISSUE

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" ⁸ Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. ⁹ I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."
Matthew 19:7-9

IF YOU DEAL WITH THE HEART

YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO FALL BACK ON THE LAW

THE PATH TO A HARD HEART (DIVORCE)

- ◆ Leave the past unresolved
- ◆ Collect offenses
- ◆ Tell a story
- ◆ Find an ally
- ◆ Rationalize inappropriate behavior
- ◆ Become certain

JESUS' HEART-LEVEL CALL

RUTHLESSLY ELIMINATE CONTEMPT FROM YOUR MARRIAGE

THE PATH TO BETRAYAL (ADULTERY)

- ◆ **THOUGHTS**
- ◆ **WORDS**
- ◆ **ACTIONS**

QUESTIONS

- ◆ Have I allowed contempt to gain a foothold in my home?
- ◆ Will this lead our home to where I want it to go?
- ◆ Will this make my family what I want it to be?
- ◆ Is this what my Rabbi wants for my heart and my home?

A WORD TO THE SINGLE

The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹ Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹² For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

Matthew 19:10-12

NEXT STEPS

Resources for further study:

Love and Respect -- Emerson Eggerichs

The Book of Romance -- Tommy Nelson

Sheet Music -- Kevin Leman

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