

Series: You Heard Wrong!

Sermon: Divorce

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:31-32

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_____ percent of first marriages end in divorce over a forty year period.

Rabbi's in Jesus' day focused on the word "displeasing" in Deuteronomy 24, and believed that if a wife displeased her husband in _____, divorce was acceptable in God's eyes.

In fact, Deuteronomy 24 is a _____ of marriage, protection for women, and _____ God saying, "divorce is okay in this circumstance."

In Deuteronomy 24 the man's job was to "**bring** _____ **to his wife!**" Especially in their first year, but there is no indication that should stop.

Jesus, in Matthew 5, gives an unashamed statement _____.

Humans can legally get divorced but Jesus says that _____ any romantic relationship beyond _____ as adultery (unless a spouse died).

Some people use Matthew 5 as an excuse for divorce. But they are doing the _____ to Matthew 5 as the ancient _____ did to Deuteronomy 24 (turning a warning about divorce into a mandate for it)!

The one circumstance where divorce is allowed: if an _____ leaves a _____.

God will not _____ to us when we are treating our spouses _____ (Malachi 2:13-16).

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

#1. Everyone: single people, married people, and divorced people need to increase their respect for marriage.

#2. Anyone who is married needs to make a decision to put God first in their lives - and live accordingly.

#3. Anyone who is married, or remarried after a divorce, needs to make a decision to put their spouse second only to God - and live accordingly.

#4. Men need to " _____ " and take responsibility for their marriages.

#5. Women need to " _____ " and take responsibility for their marriages.