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Two are Better Than One

Matthew 5:27-37

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

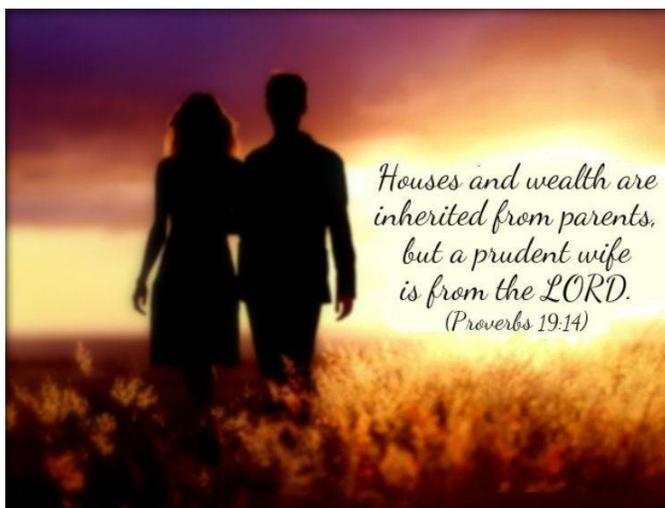
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we continue with our study of the Sermon on the Mount. We will be looking at 11 verses that are typically broken into three sections. The three sections are adultery, divorce, and oaths. We could spend three weeks on these three different areas but there is value in seeing the relationships between the three. It is God's desire that we all have good marriages, but good marriages take work. This week we will look at some of the foundations of a good marriage. God's instruction is not meant to be a burden. He gives us instruction to be a blessing for our marriages and for all of our relationships in life. Join us this week as we look at some of the foundational principles of a healthy marriage.



Matthew 5:27-37 (NET Bible)

Adultery

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘**Do not commit adultery.**’ ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to desire her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away! It is better to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into hell. ³⁰ If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It is better to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into hell.

Divorce

³¹ “It was said, ‘**Whoever divorces his wife must give her a legal document.**’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except

for immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to an older generation, ‘**Do not break an oath, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.**’ ³⁴ But I say to you, do not take oaths at all—not by heaven, because it is the throne of God, ³⁵ not by earth, because it is his footstool, and not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Do not take an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no.’ More than this is from the evil one.

🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Do you think Jesus really wanted people to tear out their eyes if they could not keep from looking at a woman lustfully? What do you think He meant?

9. How does a husband make his wife commit adultery?

10. What does this passage tell us about God's view of divorce?

11. Why does Jesus say not to take an oath?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. Would you ever give someone advice to get a divorce? What circumstances would merit this advice?

13. What should we be willing to do in order to remove sin from our life?

14. How do verses 33-37 of this passage help us in our marriage relationships?

15. What is something you can do this week to work on your marriage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES