God's Will For Marriage – Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- It is not God's will that is that complicated on the subject. The problem is people.
- You get one shot at this. Most of us do anyway. One shot. And you better choose that mate wisely and carefully.

1 Why Doesn't God Give Us a Mulligan?

Romans 11:33

- God gives us one shot at this. Why did he do it that way?
- Unsearchable are his judgments and unfathomable his ways. His ways are past finding out.
- Perhaps it is the character of a person that needs to be cultivated. And if we can just opt out, where's the commitment in that?
- Even if my mate is only partially involved in the pursuit of these things, I need to be involved wholeheartedly in the pursuit of them.

2 Bear Your Cross for the Lord

Matthew 16:24–26; 1 Peter 3:1; Luke 8:14

- Every circumstance in this life cannot be fixed and made rosy like we would want it to be.
- If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- What is a man profited if he gained the whole world and lose his soul?
- The answer is not getting out of the marriage. The answer is showing them the example of Christ.

3 When Does Approved Marriage Occur?

Matthew 19:6; Genesis 24:67

- The biblical pattern is two eligible individuals, one male and one female.
- There's an agreement between the two parties to enter into marriage. And there is the meeting of society's standard for marriage.
- Isaac brought Rebecca into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebecca and she became his wife, and he loved her.
- Whenever recognized standards in our culture are met, you have a marriage.

4 Divorce for Pornea by Civil Decree

Matthew 19:9; Matthew 5:32; 1 Corinthians 6:15–20

- The meeting of society's standard for divorce, a civil declaration that the marriage is finished.

- When the civil decree has been issued that a divorce has occurred, and when the divorce has been for that cause, then one is free.
- Whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman, commits adultery.
- If that exception clause, if that's not present, you have an unlawful putting away. Not just an unlawful remarriage, but an unlawful putting away.

5 Four Groups Who Have a Right to Marriage

Romans 7:2–3; 1 Corinthians 7:39

- The one, obviously, who has never been married has a right to marriage.
- You are no longer bound because that person is deceased. That person is free to marry, has a right to marriage.
- Those individuals who are not bound to God's law regarding another person.
- The one who is put away a mate for pornea.

6 Manufactured Rules and Bad Terminology

- Sometimes mercy is indeed the best route if you can work past the infidelity has been committed.
- Here is the rule. The rule is right here. Is the divorce for fornication? That's the rule.
- Some will say, well, but they're still married in the eyes of God. That's not good language.
- Where's the fair passage? That's Americans talking. That's not Scripture's talking.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to submit to God's will for your life? Regardless of what that's going to mean. Regardless of the cross that you may have to bear, because he is worth it, he paid an incredible price for my redemption.

MY NOTES