God's Will For Marriage

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INTRODUCTION

- We need to set the bar a little bit higher than that in our marriages. That the goal is more than just not to be killed by your mate.
- The problem is not with the scriptures and what God has to say on the subject. The problem in this subject that causes the complication and the difficulty is people.
- It's selfishness, and then trying to get the Bible to work alongside with my selfishness so that I can find justification for what I'm doing.

1 Marriage Is God's Institution

Mark 6:17–18

- Marriage is God's institution. It is not mine. It isn't yours. It isn't the church's. It is God's institution, and He will hold us accountable.
- We make vows. We make promises. It is a lifelong contract. And we need to take that very seriously.
- For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. Because he had married her.
- For John had been saying to Herod, it is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.

2 Whenever a Divorce Takes Place, There Is Transgression

Mark 10:2–9; Matthew 19:3–9

- What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.
- Whenever a divorce takes place, there is transgression. Every time. Without exception.
- Somebody has either sinned or is sinning.

3 Killing the Messenger Doesn't Change the Message

- Killing the messenger doesn't change the message.
- It doesn't matter whether the messenger is put away or silenced, these things are still true.
- I'm here to tell you the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the standard by which we're going to be judged, whether we like it or not.
- God has a strong reaction to marriage treachery.

4 We Have Here an Unapproved Marriage

Romans 7:2–3

- In this particular case of Herod and Herodias, God has not joined. He has not approved.
- Herodias is still bound by God's law regarding her first husband, Philip.

- To repent before God is going to require a change of conduct because Herodias is still considered bound in relation to Philip.
- A wife is bound as long as her husband lives. Now that's what John is saying, right? Your first husband, Philip, is still alive.

5 Baptism Doesn't Wash Away Marriages

Matthew 5:32

- Baptism doesn't wash away marriages.
- People cannot continue in adulterous unions any more than they can continue in a homosexual union. They must repent and change.
- If you put her away unjustly, you cause her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- Is divorce okay? No. Unequivocally no.

6 The Four C's of a Surviving and Thriving Marriage

- It's about commitment to God and commitment to each other. No matter what.
- You're going to have to communicate in other ways. You're going to have to talk about the way you feel.
- So you need to decide what your character is going to be.
- Marriage is a blessing given to us by God. We need to be content with what we have.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's understand that God's will for us is what we need. On any subject.

MY NOTES