

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Adultery, Marriage & Promises Matthew 5:27-37

Vs. 27-30 – Adultery

- In the O.T. God equates **adultery** with **idolatry**...
- **Breaking faith**, violating Oneness
- **Ephesians 5** equates marriage with Oneness with Christ

Vs. 31-32 – Divorce **causes** adultery

- **NIV** says it makes her **the victim of adultery**
- **Divorce & adultery** both violate Oneness
- Someone is unwilling to **be restored**

Genesis 2:23-24,

- “Bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh”
- “**Joined**” to “**become one flesh**”
- It **takes two** to become One

1,000 reasons to divorce

- “Irreconcilable Differences” will suffice
- “No Fault” divorce (quick & easy)
- Usually, someone **never embraced true Oneness**
- Never **really married** in the first place

ONE reason to become **indivisibly One**

- **Christ did for us!**
- 25th Anniversary celebration in Portland
- “Until death separates us!”
- **And we mean it**

I’ve been married three times

- Always to **the same woman**...
- And I’ve **never been divorced**

Why?

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The first time it was **just us**

Our **second time** it was **with God**

- **The 3rd time** it was just because we enjoyed it so much
- We’re past due for a fourth

How we came to be together...

- Is not what has kept us together

What made me want to marry her?

- She was **genuine & without deceit**

Committed to keeping it One...

- Not asking why divorce might be OK
- **Hosea** – (Buys her back from slavery)

Healthy marriage happens on purpose...

- **Philippians 4:8** – Focus on what’s good
- Troubled marriage comes by default & from neglect

How we can work to strengthen our Oneness

- **John 13:34** – Love your mate **like Christ**
- **John 15:13** – Love **sacrificially** & **I John 3:16**
- **Romans 5:8** – Love that can be seen
- **Romans 8:35-39** – Love unconditionally – **Really!**
- **Philippians 2:2-4** – **Prefer** your mate
- **I Peter 5:5** – Don’t **impose your will** on each other

Psalm 15:4, "He who keeps his word *whatever the cost*"

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Three love commitments:

- 1) **DO something** to demonstrate your love every day
- 2) Give them **reason to thank God** for you every day
- 3) Cause them to think, "**I never expected to be loved like this**"
- 4) **Vs. 37** – "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'"

Say what you mean & mean what you say

Discussion Questions

- What are some essentials in a healthy marriage?
(Or any loving relationship)
- What does God want for a healthy marriage?
- What should you require of yourself in marriage?
- When should you keep your word?
(For everyone)