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# SET APART

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ABOUT  
DIVORCE - PT. 3

8/13/23  
MESSAGE NOTES

The culture influenced how the Corinthians viewed many things, especially divorce. What are some myths about divorce that are prevalent in our day? Last week was myth #2 – Divorce is ALWAYS wrong. What are some practical applications that we can learn from all this?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

### 1<sup>st</sup> – The ideal is that couples stay together

- Jesus said, “What God has joined together, let man not separate. Paul said that a husband and wife ought not to get a divorce. That is the ideal, and more people need to enter a marriage covenant with that idea of being committed.
- The more each spouse follows after Christ, the more they stay together.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> – The exceptions are a mercy to the forsaken, not a benefit to the unhappy

- Most people will want to take their situation and try to fit it into the exceptions that Jesus gives. Most of the time, couples need to work it out and fight to keep their marriage.
- The exception is only for the one who has been utterly forsaken by the spouse, a spouse who has completely broken the covenant.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – Not all situations are the same

- We ought not to cast judgement on someone who has been through a divorce without knowing the circumstances of the divorce.
- Did they divorce for an unbiblical reason? Did they divorce for a biblical reason? Did they initiate the divorce? Did their spouse force the divorce upon them? God knows and He is the final judge.

### 4<sup>th</sup> – Pursue God’s heart in any situation

- The book of Hosea gives insight into how God treats a people who are unfaithful to Him. They forsaken Him (Hos. 1:2). He casts them away (Hos. 2:2/Jer. 3:8). But He calls them to repent and return (Hos.3:1-3)
- In Christ, no matter what, God’s love is steadfast (Romans 8:38, 39)