**Text**: Mark 10:1-12

**Topic**: Divorce/Marriage

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 **The “D” Word**

“When you are tempted to divorce.”

**Text**: **Mark 10:1-12**, “And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

**2**And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” **3**He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” **4**They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” **5**And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. **6**But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ **7**‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, **8**and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. **9**What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” **10**And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11**And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, **12**and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” **English Standard Version**

*When you’re tempted to get a divorce*…

**Point #1**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-5**

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**Point #2**: **Remove** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.6-9**

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**Point #3**: **Realize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.10-12**

**Corollary Verses**: Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Jeremiah 23:29; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 19:8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:15; Hebrews 13:4; and Malachi 2:13-16.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Proverbs 10:12, 14:10, 17:22**, and **Jeremiah 17:9**, then answer the following questions. When you are unwilling to listen to counsel from your pastor and mature Christian friends, what could that be symptomatic of? What are the fruits of a corrupted heart? Why is it absolutely essential not to trust your feeling and thoughts when you are hurting?

2.) Read **Zechariah 7:12**, **Jeremiah 23:29**, and **Hebrews 4:12** then answer the following questions. According to these passages, who is ultimately to blame for your hardened heart? Who is the only one who can break your hardened heart? From a sanctification perspective, what role do you play in getting your heart right with God?

3.) Read **Psalm 103:10-14**, **Isaiah 43:25**, **Matthew 6:15**, **18:21-35**, **Ephesians 4:31**, **Colossians 3:13** then answer the following questions. Does God remember your sins? Why is forgiveness absolutely essential in marriage? What are the dangers of unforgiveness? Are you currently harboring any bitterness in your heart?

4.) Read **Malachi 2:13-16** and **Matthew 19:8-9** then answer the following questions. How does God feel about divorce? What is God’s will for your marriage? How can God’s will become your will?

5.) Read **Genesis 1:26**, **Matthew 3:13-17**, and **Mark 10:8-9** then answer the following questions. How is marriage similar to the triune nature of the Godhead? How does a Christian marriage reflect the glory of God?