

Divorce
Selected Passages
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Introduction

Embracing God when marriages fall apart

Why does divorce occur?

God's design for marriage: oneness.

Reason #1: We lose the battle of the mind.
Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Romans 12:2

➤ Application: affirm truth when times are difficult

Reason #2: We lose the battle of the heart.
Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-12

Violations of oneness:

- Unfaithfulness: Matthew 5:31-32, 19:3-9
- Unbelieving spouse leaves: 1 Cor. 7:13-15
- Domestic abuse: Malachi 2:15-16

➤ Application: rely on the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Healing from divorce: Psalm 51

- Application: if victim forgive
if convenient or cause confess

Living it out in our lives

Young people: determine essential qualities you want in spouse

Single: get to know the person very well before marriage

Divorced: identify the specific areas for healing

Married: get help before it is too late