

Sermon Title: **“DIVORCE”**

Matthew 5:31-32

- We enter _____ with some concept of what we envision married life to look like
 - However, these _____ do not always play out like we think they should (That’s when disappointment & frustration can creep in)
- Divorce is NOT a _____ (it was around from early OT – Deut. 24:1-4)
- All that the _____ (regarding divorce) did was to attempt to put _____ to an easily abused system
 - _____ were divorcing their _____ simply because they wanted to get rid of them (looking for a new, upgraded model)
 - _____ was happening & it was being handled _____
 - “Immorality” = it means fornication, _____ (closely connected to harlotry)
- God _____ divorce (God was reducing the chaos, which stemmed from an already happening practice – _____)
- When God created _____, He established the _____ for marriage (the husband & wife are one flesh)
 - Entering a commitment of marriage is a _____ matter
- _____ for your marriage (ask God to help you be the best _____ you can be)
 - There is _____ shame in having post-marital _____
- If you divorced & it was for any other _____ than immorality (or being abandoned by an unbelieving spouse – I Cor 7:12-16)
 - Ask God to _____ you & realize that decision IS NOT final (God _____ to use you & God is _____ to use you!)
 - In Christ there is _____ for the helpless & even when we go astray from His original _____ plan, it’s NOT too late –Forgiveness is _____ available
- When we look to _____, keeping our eyes fixed on Him, we are able to face _____ in our lives