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**TITLE:** Kingdom People

**TEXT:** Matthew 5:31-32

**TARGET:** To understand that Jesus reframes the conversation of divorce in order to create \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR** marriage and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have been wounded **BY** marriage.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ **TOWARD Divorce:** *"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'* (Matthew 5:31)

**A. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ :**

- i. Created to Complete (Matthew 19:3-5)
- ii. Covenant not a Contract (Matthew 19:6)

**B. Divorce gave \_\_\_\_\_ :**

- i. Not a Commandment, but a Concession (Matthew 19:7-9)
- ii. Convenience instead of Commitment (Deuteronomy 24:1-4)

**SPECIAL NOTE: This was a controversial conversation in an effort to trap Jesus.**

II. \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR Divorce:** *"But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality (Porneia), makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."* (Matthew 5:32)

**A. Adultery:** (Matthew 19:9)

- i. Violates Oneness
- ii. Violates Openness

**B. Abandonment:** (1 Corinthians 7:13, 15)

- i. Unbelieving Spouse that Separates
- ii. Unrepentant Spouse that Abdicates

**C. \*Abuse:** (Romans 13:1)

- i. Report it to the Authorities
- ii. Seek Safety
- iii. Share with CBC Cares

**SPECIAL NOTE: Reconciliation is always the goal demonstrated by both parties with counsel.**

III. \_\_\_\_\_ **ABOUT Divorce:** *He declared, "I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unending love and compassion. I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as the Lord."* (Hosea 2:19-20 NLT)

**A. God does NOT \_\_\_\_\_ divorced people.** (Malachi 2:13-16)

- i. He hates the carelessness of Divorce
- ii. He hates the consequences of Divorce

**B. Divorce is NOT an \_\_\_\_\_ sin:** (Luke 12:10)

- i. Divorce is not your Identity.
- ii. Remarriage is possible.

**C. Your \_\_\_\_\_ has Purpose:** (Romans 8:28)

**TAKE AWAY:** \_\_\_\_\_ to those thinking about Divorce:

- Fear is never a good motivator.
- Don't ignore ongoing problems.
- Fix You vs. You Fix