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COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BEING A CHRISTIAN AND AVOIDING DIVORCE

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE AT LIFE ?

*A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE
WALK WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS*

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Discipleship, Divorce, Marriage, Grace, Forgiveness

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will** in **all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness** and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

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I want to make it very clear tonight

that I am speaking to the Christian, “the real,”
going to heaven “Christian.”

**Perhaps Nothing is More Contrary
To practical Christianity than divorce.**

Matthew 5:44-45

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, :45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Billy Graham once said;

“If a Christian marriage, which is bound by the promises of God and committed to the will of God and devoted to the word of God - should ever fail. Then those non-believers who are looking on, have no greater excuse for never becoming a Christian.”

Who is the Authoritative Figure in your life ?

Tonight we will begin, where it has always begun

In The War Room of your Thoughts and on The Battle ground for your Will”

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1.) Stop – and think about who you really are

Yes it's true – we're all people who've missed the mark of perfection –
we're all “missers” or sinners

Romans 3:23

for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

In Your Marriage;

The bible has to be applied by you - into your spouse !

She Has Been Placed Into My Life by God.

Mark 9:35

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,
“If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

I Am a Servant of God
(and that has to be true at home first with my spouse)

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2.) Remember – that you no longer belong to you

Because That's True – There is Great Hope for Your Marriage

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; **therefore** glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

My life lived out for Jesus
Is only really visible by how I minister to and treat my wife.

Our wives, husbands and children
know for sure if we're Christians or not.

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3.) Know – that you have all that you need for success

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **(the value is there)** male and female he created them. **(the design is there)** :28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **(the purpose is there)**

Psalms 103:12

As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Ephesians 4:29-32

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. :30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. :31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. :32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. :21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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4.) Understand – what the will of God is for you

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
O.K. cuz I love God

Ephesians 5:22

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

O.K. cuz I love my Husband

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is **honorable** (*worthy, costly, highly valued*) among all, and the bed **undefiled**; (*pure, blessed, free, good*) but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

In The King James Version

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; :4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, :5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; :6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. :7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

In The New Living Translation

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin. :4 Then each of you will control your body and live in holiness and honor - - :5 not in lustful passion as the pagans do, in their ignorance of God and his ways. :6 Never cheat a Christian brother in this matter by taking his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. :7 God has called us to be holy, not to live impure lives.

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5.) Obey – by living your life for the Lord

John 14:15

*“If you love Me, (if you understand me and know my nature)
you will keep My commandments.*

1 Samuel 15:22

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

Obedience works hard to do what's right

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers a multitude of sins.

Biblical obedience is an act of love

Psalms 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”

Church family / Christian husband & wife, listen up

Ministry is NOT obedience to God,
Worship has NO effect upon God,
Service is NOT a blessing to God,
Prayer has NO power with God,

LETS PRAY FOR MARRIAGES