

One Flesh Doesn't Separate Well Todd Arnett

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Jesus is the $\underline{\mathsf{TRUTH}}$ and the $\underline{\mathsf{WAY}}$ to the good $\underline{\mathsf{LIFE}}$.

Matthew 19:1-6, Matthew 19:7-9, Deuteronomy 24:1, 4, Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 19:9

Faithfulness is the glue that holds "ONE FLESH" together.





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Of all of the reasons that followers of Jesus would propose as valid for their desire to divorce their spouses, God only agrees with the reason of <u>ADULTERY</u>.

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"The greatest argument for fidelity in marriage is that it mirrors God's own fidelity to His people."

- Timothy Keller, The Meaning of Marriage

This passage today wildly communicates that God is not just the author of <u>MARRIAGE</u>, but of <u>DIVORCE</u> as well.

Key takeaways from this passage:

- If you're married, recognize the value that Jesus places on your sexual <u>FAITHFULNESS</u> to each other.
- If you're married and struggling to stay married, seek pastoral <u>HELP</u>.
- If you're married and your spouse has been unfaithful to you, understand that you're Biblically <u>ALLOWED</u> to pursue a divorce, but that reconciliation and healing can be <u>AVAILABLE</u> if you and your spouse are willing.

- If you're not married, recognize the value that Jesus places on sexual faithfulness to your <u>FUTURE</u> spouse.
- If you're currently pursuing a divorce for any reason other than adultery or abandonment, repent and seek help to <u>RECONCILE</u> with your spouse.
- If you've pursued divorce for any reason other than adultery, repent and seek <u>FORGIVENESS</u> from God and your former spouse.

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