

APRIL 3, 2016 SERMON NOTES

Rumor has it we're divorcing!

Matthew 19 & Ephesians 4

I. Jesus on marriage and divorce.

A. God intended for us to stay married _____.

Matthew 19: ³Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" ⁴And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, 'For this reason a man **shall leave** his father and mother and **be joined** to his wife, and the two shall **become one** flesh'? ⁶So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

1. Marriage was _____ and it is God who does the _____.

B. God _____ divorce because of the hardness of the people.

⁷They ^{*}said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" ⁸He ^{*}said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. ⁹And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

1. Divorce is permissible because of _____.

2. Paul wrote that divorce was permissible in the case of _____ (I Cor. 7:15).

C. The number one reason for divorce is lack of _____.

D. God intended for us to _____ our conflicts in marriage.

Ephesians 4: ²⁵Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not give the devil an opportunity. ²⁸He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. ²⁹Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. ³⁰Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1. Tell the truth: _____ (25).

2. Maintain _____ (26-27).

3. _____ instead of rehashing old problems (28).

4. Don't _____ (29).

5. Clean up your mess: be _____ and learn to _____ (32).