

## THE MARRIAGE CHAPTER

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

### GETTING STARTED:

1. What got your attention, made you think or was a new idea in this Sunday's sermon?

### DIGGING DEEPER

2. How has this sermon helped you better understand sexuality, singleness and marriage?
3. What practical advice does Paul to give to the unmarried and married for avoiding sexual immorality (*1 Corinthians 7:2-9*)?
4. From the sermon, under what circumstances would Paul allow for divorce and why (*1 Corinthians 7:15-16*)?
5. Why do we need to be careful not to put feelings and emotions ahead of Scripture?

### APPLICATION:

6. What principles from this passage could help us care for Christians who are considering separation or divorce?

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There are several great Bible passages that speak on the subject of marriage (*Genesis 2, Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 7*). Today's passage is the most singularly comprehensive, and it speaks directly to three elements of marriage. Very often today we hear from the church on what we do not believe in (*things we stand against*) but today, we speak on the positive side of that which we do believe in, in regard to marriage.

1. **Sex** - (*1 Corinthians 7:1-9*). Celibacy/singleness is a high calling, and within marriage God is pro-sex.
2. **Divorce** - (*1 Corinthians 7:10-24*). God has always intended marriages to last "until death do us part" but gave instances where divorce could be filed.
3. **Singleness** - (*1 Corinthians 7:25-40*). Marriage is fantastic, but Paul said that singleness has some great advantages.

### **-Conclusion-**

Even when it flies against our own experience or emotion, God's Word is to be obeyed, and our lives will be better for it.

**NEXT WEEK: 13/20 • Great Chapters of the Bible**  
*1 John 1 - Fellowship*  
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