

# The Gospel of the King Marriage and Discipleship

## - Mark 10:1-9 (ESV)

Why is Jesus addressing this subject *now*?

1) Divorce was (and is) a \_\_\_\_\_ subject, and the Pharisees were trying to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Discussions of divorce are never \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ are always involved.

2) Marriage is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Pharisees asked: \_\_\_\_\_ divorce?

Jesus' answered: What did Moses \_\_\_\_\_?

They responded with: What Moses \_\_\_\_\_. *(These are two very different things.)*

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and \_\_\_\_\_:

Genesis 1, 2 and the \_\_\_\_\_:

If Moses' legislation had its roots in men's \_\_\_\_\_, it could not reflect God's \_\_\_\_\_.

What then is God's will for marriage? In a word, \_\_\_\_\_.

Why?

**Note:** Jesus' intent in this passage was not to entertain the \_\_\_\_\_, but to establish the Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ and to elevate the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage.

**Further implications** of Jesus' teaching:

<sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

- Mark 10:10-12 (ESV)

1) There are \_\_\_\_\_ grounds for divorce. (And \_\_\_\_\_ is permitted for the innocent party when the divorce is permitted on biblical grounds.)

2) Where biblical grounds are not met for the divorce, \_\_\_\_\_ is the result of any new marriage.

3) This applies \_\_\_\_\_ to husbands and wives.

**Some conclusions** for us all:

Marriage began in the \_\_\_\_\_ and is a \_\_\_\_\_. He gives his creation.

His divine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ – akin to His relationship with us.

"\_\_\_\_\_ " are made \_\_\_\_\_ by the work of God's Spirit in us. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by Him to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Marriages are healed by God doing a work in our \_\_\_\_\_.

Divorce is never good \_\_\_\_\_. It is always the \_\_\_\_\_ or is itself a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible does offer \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:32, 19:9, 1 Cor. 5:1, 7:12-15), but even then, divorce is never \_\_\_\_\_, only \_\_\_\_\_.

Aren't you glad that – as a Christian – we have a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ (Christ Jesus) who will never be unfaithful or divorce His \_\_\_\_\_ (the Church)?

A few thoughts on **God's grace and divorce:**

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
September 6, 2020*

## Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

## Parent-Child Commitment Service | October 11

If you would like to participate in the Parent-Child Commitment service, contact Joyce Alexander (joyce@calvarydothan.com) or Brooke Stickle (brooke@calvarydothan.com) or call the church office. There is a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 6pm in office building room 105.

## Calvary Kids Volunteers

The Calvary Kids Ministry has an urgent need for volunteers in the following areas:

-2nd Grade Life Group (Sundays at 8:30am)

-Kids Worship (Sundays at 10:00am)

-5th Grade SPARK (Wednesdays at 6:00pm)

If you're interested in any of these opportunities or for more information, email zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text 334.733.6326.

## Kids SPARK!

Designed for our first through fifth graders, this exciting ministry meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the Recreation Outreach Center. For more information, visit our website or email kids@calvarydothan.com.

## Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship and Lunch

There will be a Mid-Month Worship Service and Lunch on Thursday, September 24, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Following the Worship Service, you will have the following options for lunch: 1) you may eat in the Fellowship Center while social distancing 2) you may pick up a to-go plate from the Fellowship Center 3) you may drive through and pick up a to-go plate 4) you may request the to-go plate be delivered to you. Your Life Group leader will contact you by Sunday, September 13, to ask you if/how you would like to participate.

## Calvary Women's Ministry

### Teaching Women to Teach

All women who currently teach any age group or just aspire to teach are invited to join in this training as we learn together how to rightly handle the Word of truth. Classes will be September 14, October 5, and November 2 from 5:30-8:00 in the Chapel. We will provide a light dinner promptly at 5:30. You must register by email: calvarydothanwomen@gmail.com.

## DPA Backpack Goal

THANK YOU not only for meeting our goal of 100 backpacks for DPA students but exceeding it! We had a total of 186 backpacks donated, blowing our 100 backpack goal out of the water. THANK YOU Calvary family for displaying the Gospel through your generosity. Prayerfully, the students that receive these backpacks will be impacted in a way that brings much honor to Christ.

## Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

Join us at our next Second Sunday Night prayer service on September 13, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The Bible begins and ends with marriage. In Genesis, we see God's plan for family life and married life in particular – to live in permanent, covenant relationship with a spouse. This relationship is the only human covenant that is reflective of God's covenant relationship with us. In Revelation, we see the consummation of God's plan for His people – the marriage supper of the Lamb, where we live with and enjoy the presence of God for all eternity. In short, marriage is sacred to God and integral to God's plan for us. There's no question that when it comes to divorce and remarriage, we've come to a topic that is at the same time both difficult and unfortunate. It's unfortunate, because where divorce has occurred, sin has occurred. And it's occurred in such a way that a covenant union has been broken. A relationship is rent apart in divorce, and there's no way that's not tragic and painful.

God knows what it means to be betrayed and forsaken. And God knows the pain of divorce. So, as we consider today what God has to say, we want to remember that He does not speak to us on this matter from a distance. Rather he speaks to us through Christ as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, including the grief of love betrayed and love forsaken. And it's precisely into that context that His Word comes to us as a Word of truth and hope.

How then, should we respond to divorce? Just as God did: with truth and compassion. On the one hand, we need to be clear on the Bible's teaching. And we need to do so long before that teaching is needed. We want to be a church that proclaims the truth about our covenant-keeping God with our words and with our marriages. On the other hand, we want to respond with compassion. Divorce is the result of sin, and all of us have some acquaintance with that topic. Divorce is not the unforgivable sin, even if in this life it has some on-going consequences.

You and I know what it is to be reconciled to God, though we deserved a certificate of divorce from him. We want to be people who hold out that same hope to those who have known the pain of divorce, both the hope of reconciliation with God and even the hope of reconciliation with their spouse, through and because of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide



## Connect Card

September 6, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information  
 Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest  Guest  
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male  Female

- Married  Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

## September 6, 2020

### Sunday Epilogue

Sometimes sermons create questions. Sometimes, there is just more to be said. Sometimes more clarity needs to be given. And at all times when we hear God's Word, we should have opportunity to respond to it. Today we will be offering a live, online, interactive post-service Q&A and discussion with Paul and Matthew. If you have questions from the message, need prayer, or want to discuss a decision you've made about your faith, please join us. We will begin just after the conclusion of the service. If you are watching in person, feel free to hang around and join us, too! Text your questions, comments, and requests to (334) 708-0513.

### Ready to take your next step?

If you are new to Calvary and would more information about us ... If you'd like to explore the offer of the Gospel a bit more ... If you'd like to learn more about who Jesus is ... If you want a Bible ... Or if you just want to talk with someone today about the message you heard or have a spiritual question ... Please stop by the "Next Steps" table to the left of the exits. We'd love to meet you!

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

August 30

Life Group: 358  
10:00 Worship: 387  
Hispanic Church: 135

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given August 30: \$46,824  
Given Y-T-D: \$1,691,855  
Y-T-D Required: \$1,801,153.90  
Global Mission Offering: \$10,225  
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$5,325

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 6:

Jgs 10:1-11:11, Acts 14, Jer 23, Mk 9

Monday, September 7:

Jgs 11:12-40, Acts 15, Jer 24, Mk 10

Tuesday, September 8:

Jgs 12, Acts 16, Jer 25, Mk 11

Wednesday, September 9:

Jgs 13, Acts 17, Jer 26, Mk 12

Thursday, September 10:

Jgs 14, Acts 18, Jer 27, Mk 13

Friday, September 11:

Jgs 15, Acts 19, Jer 28, Mk 14

Saturday, September 12:

Jgs 16, Acts 20, Jer 29, Mk 15

### Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Fellowship Center

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com))

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC

Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary

No Adult Choir

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at [info@CalavryDothan.com](mailto:info@CalavryDothan.com) or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, September 6:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, September 12:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, September 13:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 13

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*Kids and the Kingdom of God*

Mark 10:13-16

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 20

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*How Good is Good Enough?*

Mark 10:17-27

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*The Reward of Christ*

Mark 10:28-31

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

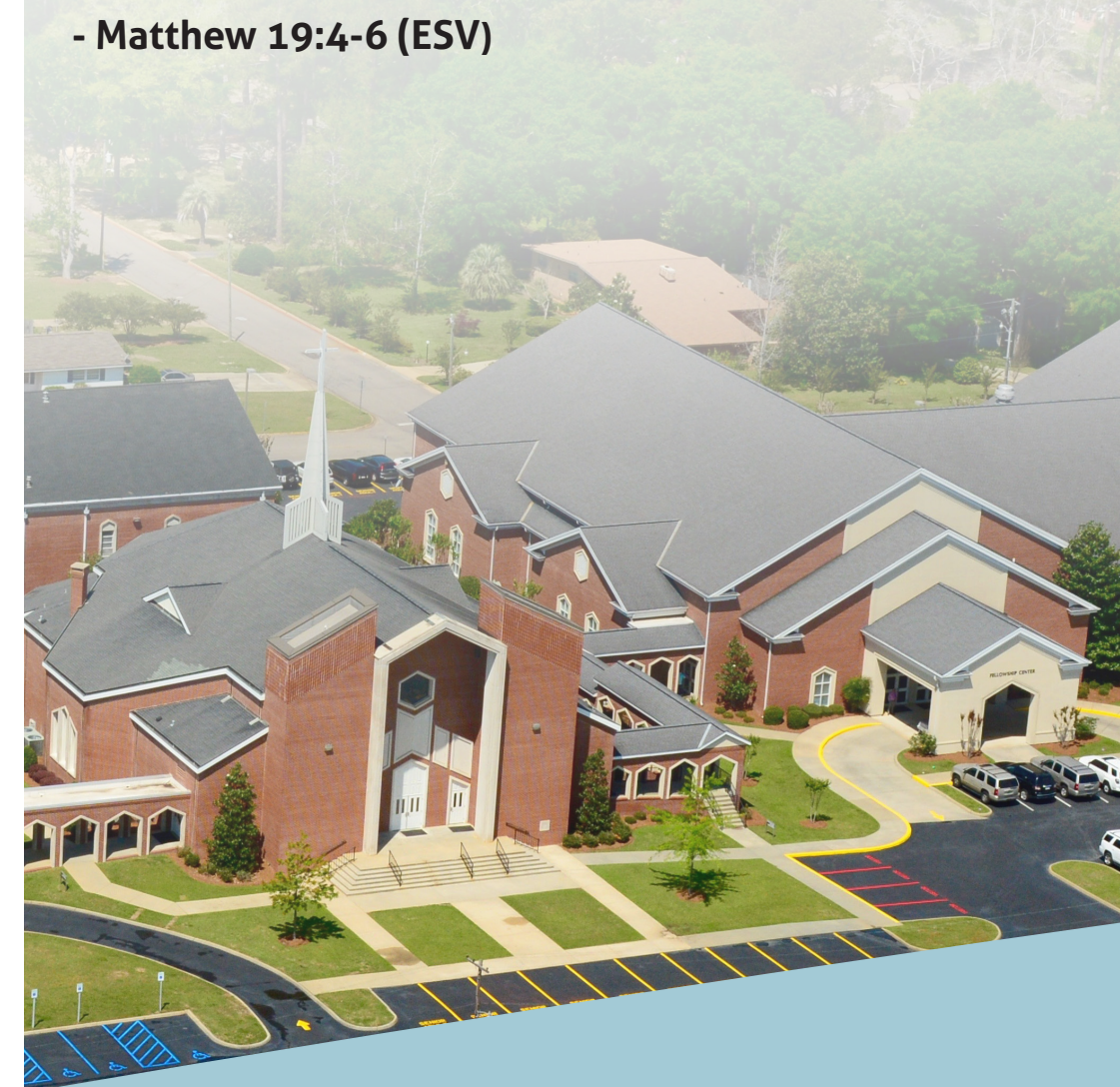
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

"Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

- Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV)



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