



Salt and Pepper

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between how Michael and Caleb view marriage vows?
2. If people really meant and honored their own marriage vows, how would it affect the divorce rate?
3. What does it mean to be committed to someone “for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health”? Do you think people truly understand their vows when they get married?
4. Some people work through their marriage problems and other people get divorced over the same problems. Why do you think that is?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 5:4-5. How should this principle affect marriages (and divorces)?
6. Read Malachi 2:13-16 out loud. To treat your spouse and your vows “treacherously” means you don’t take your vows seriously. What does this say about God’s opinion of divorce?
7. How are Jesus’ words in Matthew 19:3-6 similar to Michael’s analogy of super-gluing salt and pepper shakers together?

Scriptures

Matthew 19:3-6

³ Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” ⁴ “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?” ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

Malachi 2:13-16

¹³ Another thing you do: You flood the LORD’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. ¹⁴ You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

¹⁵ Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ “I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel, “and I hate a man’s covering himself^[b] with violence as well as with his garment,” says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. ⁵ It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it.