



CHOICES

Choices for Divorce (1 Corinthians 7) – Choices Series - February 24-25, 2018

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// DIVORCE IS NOT GOD'S INTENT

- And Pharisees came up to him (Jesus) and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” He answered, “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 19:3-6 ESV)

- They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. (there was an allowance for divorce, but it was never God's intent) And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” (Matthew 19:7-9 ESV)

- *“Because of your hardness of heart, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives”* (Matthew 19:8 ESV)

// GOD HATES DIVORCE ... BUT HE LOVES THE DIVORCED

- For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence,” says the Lord of hosts. “Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.” (Malachi 2:16 NKJV)

- The LORD has appeared to me, *saying*: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you. (Jeremiah 31:1 NKJV)

- In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us...Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:10-11 NKJV)

