

THIS WEEK AT THF

TODAY

- 700pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS**
Middle School Worship Service & Small Groups
Doors will open at 6:45pm

WEDNESDAY

- 700pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS**
High School Worship Service & Small Groups
Doors will open at 6:45pm

THURSDAY

- 630-
730am ▶ **MEN'S MINISTRY**
Bible Study & Fellowship
Meets in the THF Mall

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30am - Traditional Celebration Service

11:00am - Traditional Celebration Service

THF KIDS IS OPEN

Visit the website for detailed & updated
explanations of our plans for gathering
and any changes!

"COVID-19 REGATHERING STATEMENT"

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<i>Week of 9/6/20</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Budget Giving	\$14,129.31	\$577,581.02
Budget Needs	\$15,970.00	\$574,920.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.

3. Jewish culture had absorbed fallen thinking. The predominant thought of Jesus' day was that divorce and remarriage were **OKAY** - even for the most trivial thing. Divorce required a **WRITTEN** decree before two witnesses.

They backed it up with **SCRIPTURE** **DEUTERONOMY 24**

3 One day the Pharisees were badgering him: "Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?"...7 They shot back in rebuttal, "If that's so, why did Moses give instructions for divorce papers and divorce procedures? Matthew 19:3,7 msg

The Standard **ADVANCED** v.32

- Jesus **AFFIRMED** the scripture and elevated the **STANDARD**.

5 Jesus responded, "He wrote those instructions [ABOUT DIVORCE] only as a concession to your hard-hearted wickedness. 6 But God's plan was seen from the beginning of creation, for 'He made them male and female.' 7 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, 8 and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, 9 let no one separate them, for God has joined them together." Mark 10:5-9 nlt

- The cause for the dissolution of marriage had always been **ADULTERY**
adultery = Gk: *porneia* - refers to all kinds of **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

- Jesus said a person who had no biblical right to divorce had no grounds to **REMARRY**. To do so proliferated a greater chain of **SIN**

11 He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and remarries, she commits adultery." Mark 10:11-12 nlt

- When divorce happens on *nonbiblical* grounds, whichever spouse remarries **FIRST** commits adultery Mark 10:11

- God says that if divorced on non-biblical grounds, one should seek **RECONCILIATION** or remain **UNMARRIED** 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

What if...

- Take the **D**-thought out of your head
- Take the **D-WORD** out of your vocabulary
- Honor your primary commitment - **TO GOD**
- Ask - "**HOW CAN I MAKE THIS BETTER**?"
- **WORK** on RECONCILIATION to your spouse.



LONG ÷ DIVISION

Matthew 5:31-32

SEE "CONVERGENCE" FROM LOVE UNVEILED SERIES

SEE MARRIAGE/DIVORCE STATS AND BARNA POLL ??

GOD IS SO SERIOUS @MARRIAGE BECAUSE ITS A PICTURE OF DIVINE FIDELITY!
The Standard **AFFIRMED** v.31

The setting of Jesus' quote is **DEUT 24:1-4** A careful study of this passage yields that the theme of the text is not **DIVORCE**, but **REMARRIAGE**.

THE SOURCE OF MARRIAGE Genesis 2:18-25

- God was the original **CREATOR/AUTHOR** of marriage. Gen 2:18,24
- God made Adam and Eve to **FIT** seamlessly with each other Gen 2:18-22
- God was the original **MATCHMAKER** Gen 2:22
- Eve was originally **A PART** of Adam Gen 2:23
- In the Garden, they were created **WITHOUT SIN**

And yet...as far back as the Garden, marriages had **PROBLEMS**!

THE PRINCIPLE OF MARRIAGE

When God said Adam and Eve would become "one flesh" He implemented the principle of **MONOGAMY** MONOS-ONCE
GAMOS-MARRIAGE

This was confirmed by **JESUS** (Matt 19:6) and reaffirmed by **PAUL** (1 Tim. 3:1-2,12)
...each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 1 Cor. 7:2 niv

HB: ya'zaab means to loosen or relinquish → A **SEPARATION** from Gen 2:24
→ A separation **TO** Gen 2:24
cleave = Hb: *dabaq* - to be **GLUED** together **PERMANENTLY**
CF MATT 19:6 → Unconditional **ACCEPTANCE** Gen 2:24
"ruwmiym → An **INTIMATE** freedom Gen 2:25
naked is translated from a Hebrew term which means to 'make bare'
MEANS MORE THAN PHYSICAL NUDITY - REGARDS AN OPEN, UNGUARDED RELATIONSHIP

The Standard **ASSAILED** v.31

Jesus had to address a standard that had been corrupted by **TIME** and **CULTURE**.

- The Greeks saw nothing wrong with relationships **OUTSIDE** of the marriage. Divorce required no **LEGAL** process.
- The Romans originally had a **HIGH** view of marriage, but had themselves been corrupted by the **GREEKS**

Marriage was viewed with **CONTEMPT** and the Roman government had to step in to **PRESERVE** marriage and the family.