

Message Notes

"Divorce and Remarriage - part one"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Preaching through the Bible is a dangerous thing!"

A very controversial subject – we need humility!

SPECIAL NOTE: *God's Heart for People who have been*

hurt by divorce

A different kind of message today: The ultimate Sudoku

Our passage this week:

1 Corinthians 7:10-24, 32, 39-40

A look at all the Biblical Data

Genesis 2:24 / Genesis 3:16

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Ezekiel 16

Jeremiah Chapters 2-4

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 2:13, 2:20, 3:6-10

The Book of Hosea

Hosea 1:2-3 / Hosea 3:1-3

Malachi 2:11-16

Matthew 1:18-19

Matthew 5:31-32

Matthew 19:3-9

Mark 10:2-12

Luke 16:18

Romans 7:1-3

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*A little family
business update*



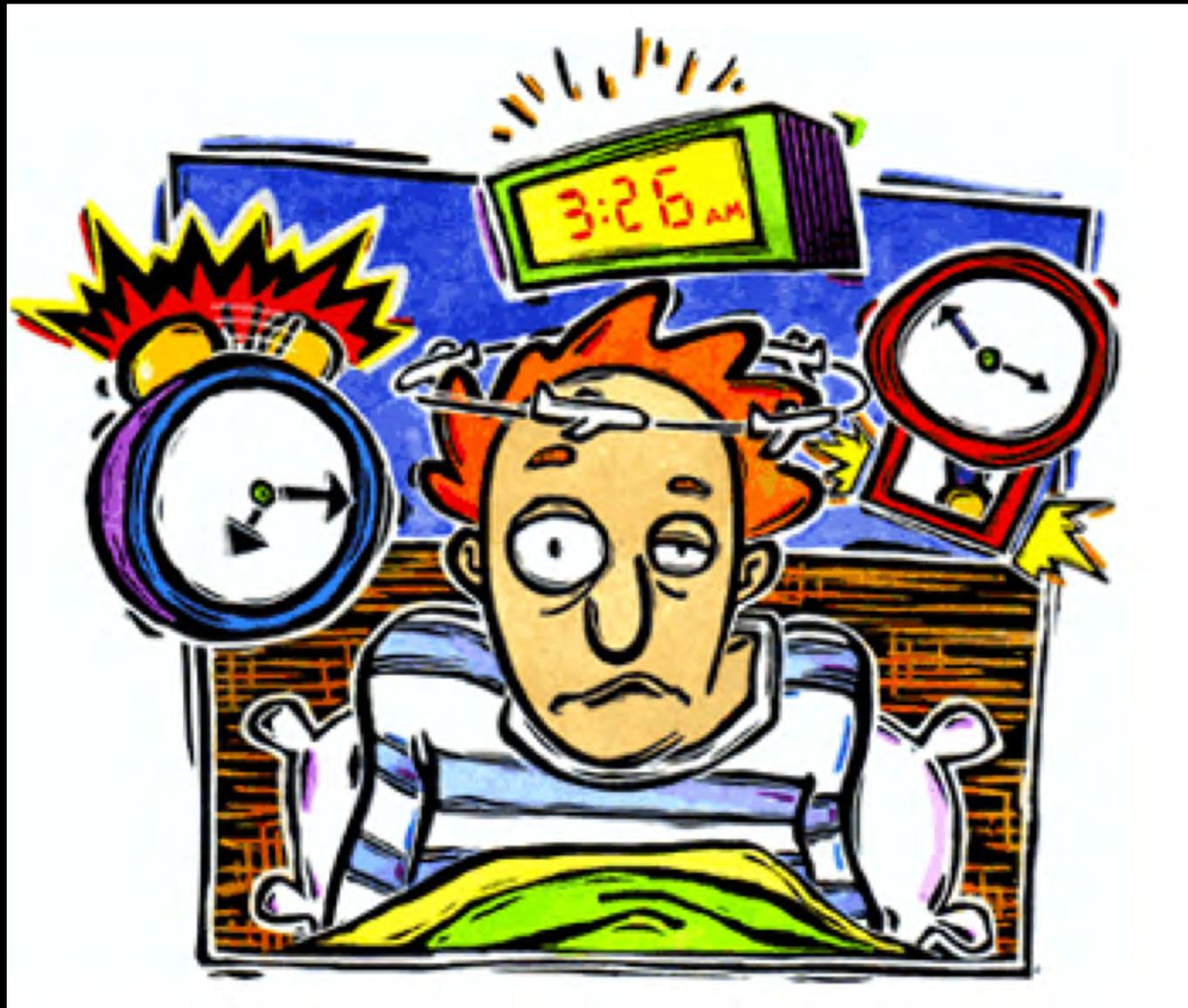
**Hope is launching a 3rd
Worship Service, Sunday
evenings at 7pm starting
this fall.**

If you would like to be part of the
Launch Team, we will be meeting for
prayer, study and planning on:

Tuesday, June 21st – 6pm
Wednesday, June 29th – 6pm

At Steve and Carole Treichler's home
(and meeting in the living room
where Hope was started!)

Please RSVP to steve@hopecc.com if
you planning to come.





CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART 3 - 1 COR 7

RELATIONAL
SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

1 Corinthians 7:1

¹Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.

**Marriage (or not!) to
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1 Corinthians 7:6-9

⁶I say this as a concession, not as a command. ⁷I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. ⁸Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. ⁹But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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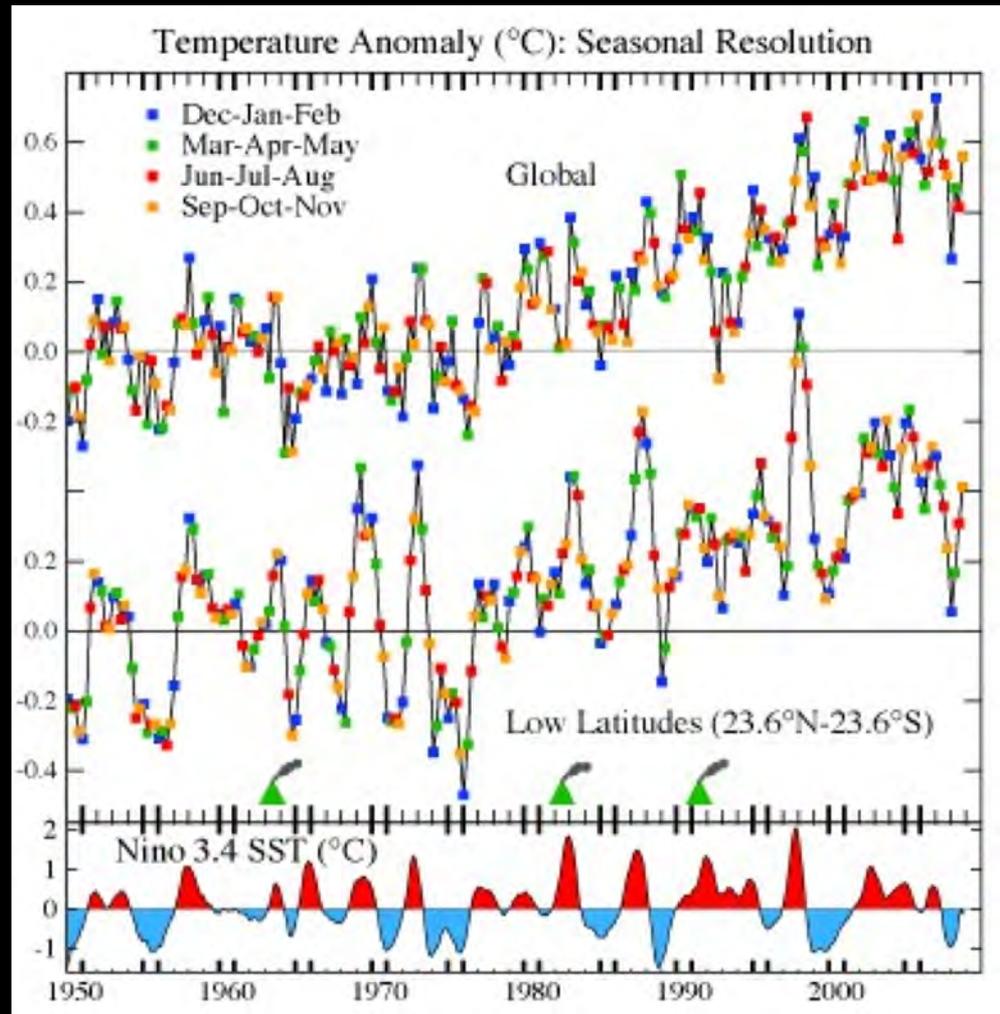
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Genesis 2:24

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

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Genesis 3:16

¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

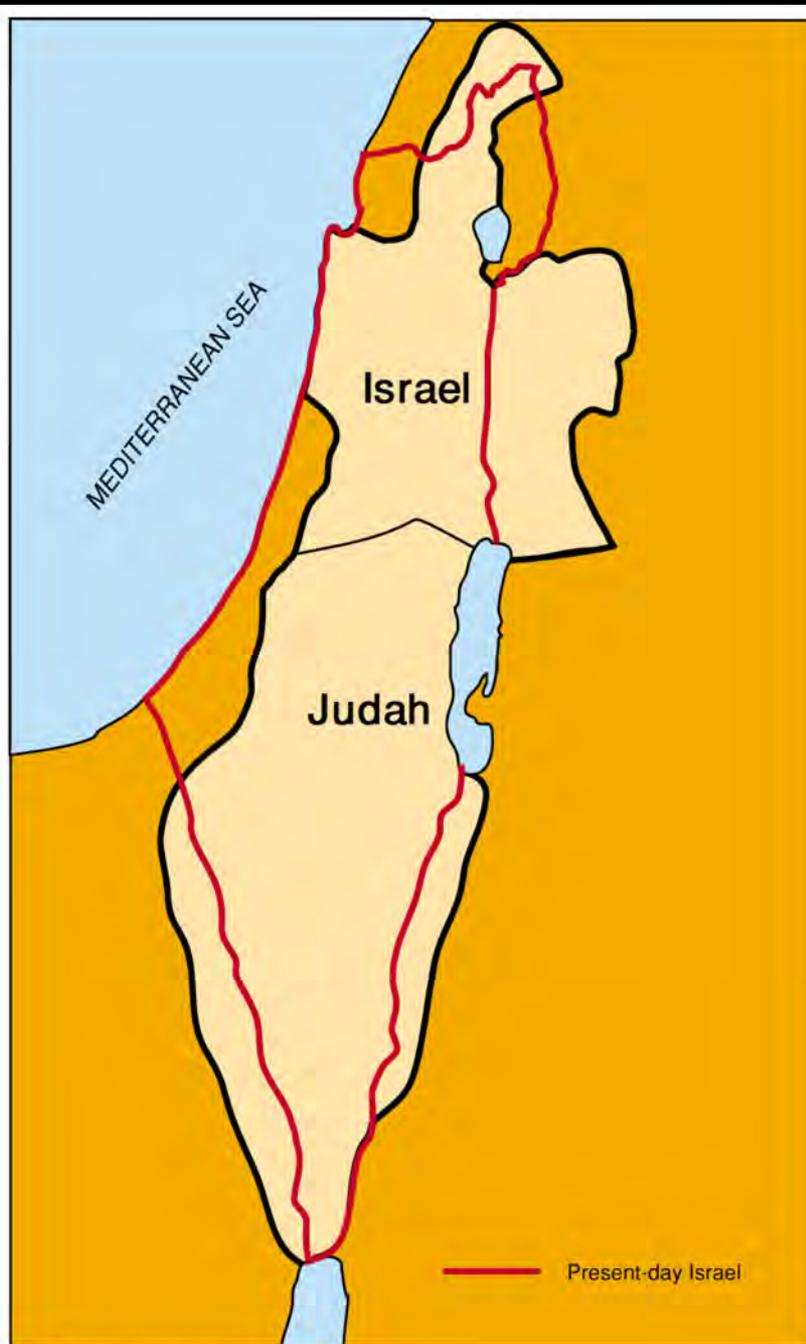
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Deuteronomy 24:1-4

¹If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, ²and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, ³and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, ⁴then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the LORD. Do not bring sin upon the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

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Ezekiel 16



The Divided Kingdom,
10th - 6th Century BCE

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Jeremiah 2-4

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Jeremiah 2:1-3

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

““I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert, through a land not sown. ³Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,”” declares the LORD.

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Jeremiah 2:13

¹³“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

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Jeremiah 2-4

Jeremiah 2:20

²⁰“Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, ‘I will not serve you!’ Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute.

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Jeremiah 3:6-10

⁶During the reign of King Josiah, the LORD said to me, “Have you seen what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every spreading tree and has committed adultery there. ⁷I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me but she did not, and her unfaithful sister Judah saw it. ⁸I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery. ⁹Because Israel’s immorality mattered so little to her, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stone and wood. ¹⁰In spite of all this, her unfaithful sister Judah did not return to me with all her heart, but only in pretense,” declares the LORD.

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Hosea 1:2-3

² When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, “Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD.” ³ So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

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¹The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you.”

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Malachi 2:11-16

¹⁰Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our fathers by breaking faith with one another?

¹¹Judah has broken faith. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the LORD loves, by marrying the daughter of a foreign god. ¹²As for the man who does this, whoever he may be, may the LORD cut him off from the tents of Jacob—even though he brings offerings to the LORD Almighty.

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- ¹³Another 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. ¹⁴You 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.
- ¹⁵Has 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.

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¹⁶“I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel, “and I hate a man’s covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,” says the LORD Almighty.
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Matthew 1:18-19

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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Matthew 5:31-32

³¹“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

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Matthew 19:3-9

¹When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan.

²Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³Some 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,’ ⁵and 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’? ⁶So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

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¹⁰The disciples said to him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.”

¹¹Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹²For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

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¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

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Luke 16:18

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Romans 7:1-3

¹Do you not know, brothers – for I am speaking to men who know the law – that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives? ²For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. ³So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man.

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