

# Message Notes

## "Divorce and Remarriage - part two"

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

**Introduction** – "EGR - Extra Grace Required!"

*Discussions vrs. Wars*

**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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4. Divorce is legitimate under many circumstances, and therefore so is Remarriage of these cases.
5. Divorce is legitimate under certain (or many) circumstances. However, no matter what the cause of the divorce is, Remarriage is possible with a repentant heart and as much of a spirit of reconciliation as is appropriate toward the previous.

**Application** – "Eight Implications..."

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# SEX AND THE CITY

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ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

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

PART 3 - 1 COR 7

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MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

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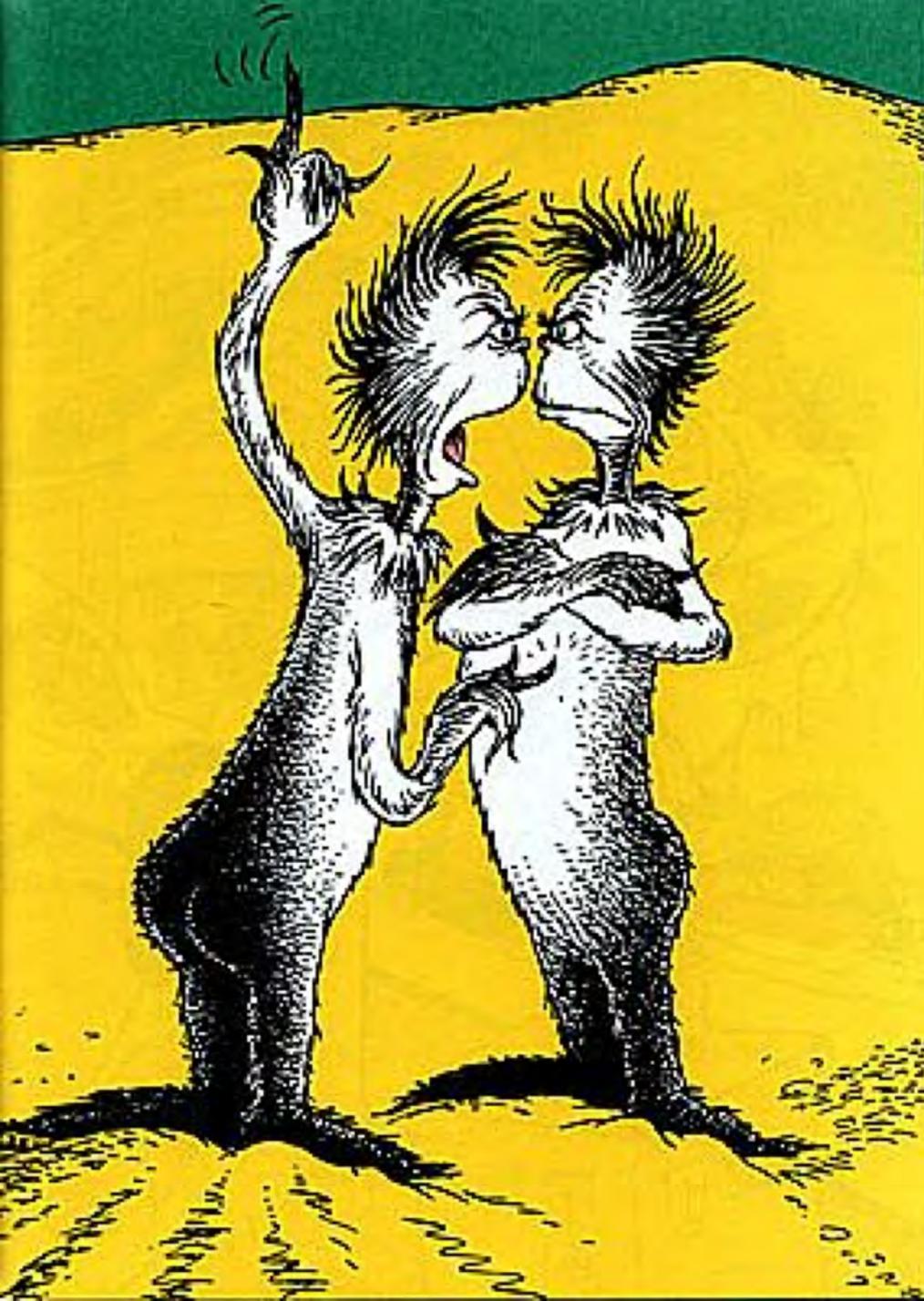
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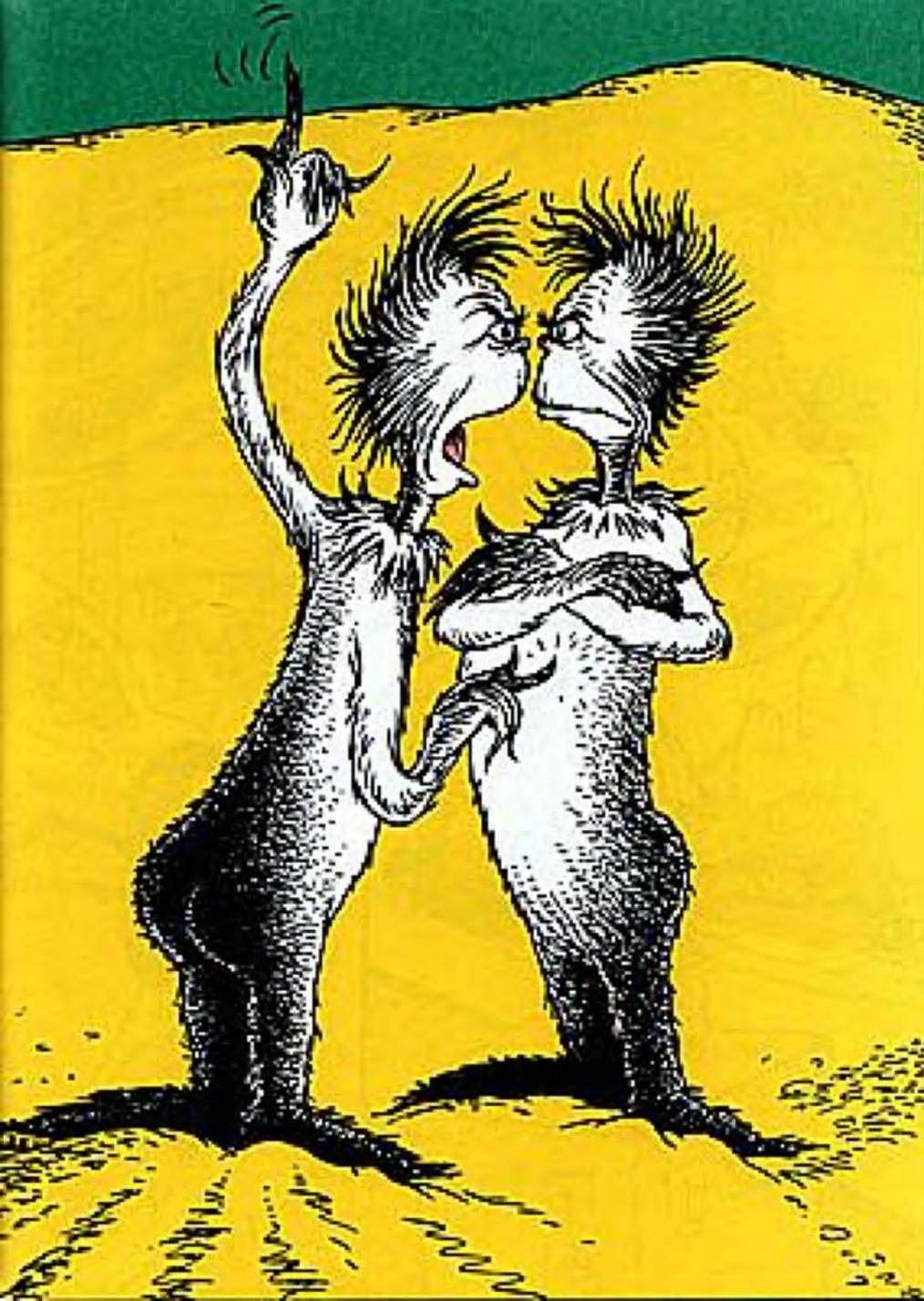
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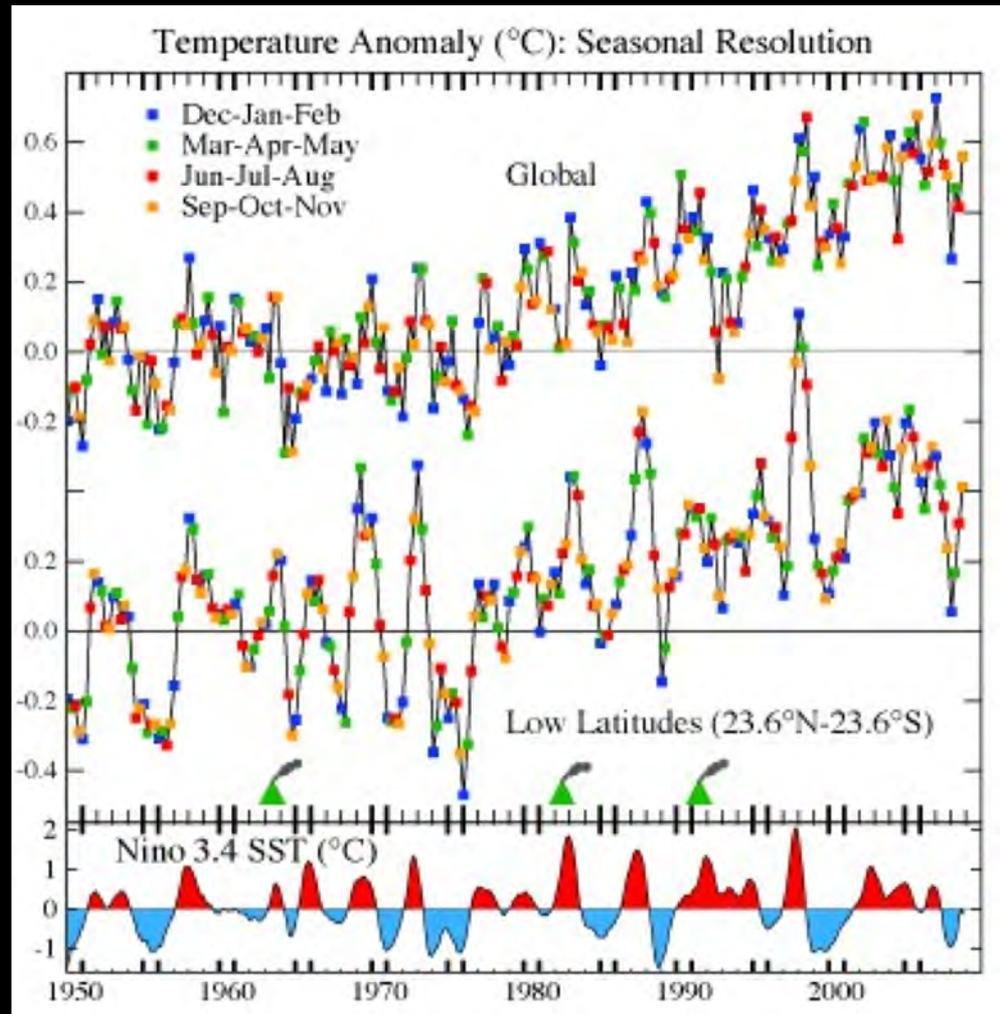
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<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

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## Genesis 3:16

<sup>16</sup> 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

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## Ezekiel 16



The Divided Kingdom,  
10th - 6th Century BCE

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The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>Israel 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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<sup>13</sup>“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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<sup>6</sup>During 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. <sup>7</sup>I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me but she did not, and her unfaithful sister Judah saw it. <sup>8</sup>I 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.

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<sup>10</sup>Have 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?

<sup>11</sup>Judah 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. <sup>12</sup>As 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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<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

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## Matthew 5:31-32

<sup>31</sup>“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But 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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<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan.

<sup>2</sup>Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

<sup>3</sup>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?”

<sup>4</sup>“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ <sup>5</sup>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’? <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

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

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

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<sup>15</sup>But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace.

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Very similar to #3 except that the New Testament is not “exhaustive” in its teaching on the justice issues involved with the matters of divorce. It seems like Jesus says “only sexual sin” but Paul adds “desertion.” Therefore, we need to be wise in our judgments about what is a legitimate divorce.

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(SAME AS #3 or #4 here) Jesus says that purpose of marriage is a life-long, covenant between a man and a woman which creates a “one flesh” union. It is a picture of God’s relationship with his people. However, even God is a divorcee, so divorce must be legitimate in certain covenant breaking behaviors, namely desertion of the spouse and adultery. In these cases, the divorce is allowed (though not preferred), and therefore so is remarriage.

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In addition, the cultural and religious setting in which Jesus and Paul teaching was against the “Divorce for Any Cause” ideas very prevalent in Jewish and Roman thought. In those cases of easy divorce, no one should participate in the encouragement or officiating of a “I need a better wife” type marriage.

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However, with all that said, there are many complicating and sinful patterns that have happened to bring about many divorces. In those cases, divorce is not unforgiveable. Reconciliation with the original spouse should be sought. If not given, even to the “guilty party” and time has passed in order for repentance and as much reconciliation as possible to happen, and the matters are brought to the Cross of Christ for forgiveness, remarriage is allowed.

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<sup>3</sup>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?”

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<sup>10</sup>To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. <sup>11</sup>But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

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<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

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