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KIDS CHURCH UPDATE!







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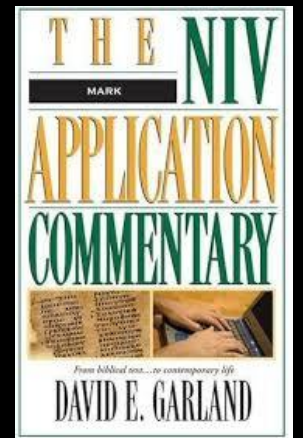
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Jesus' line of reasoning becomes clear. If the Mosaic legislation on this issue had its roots in men's hardness of heart—willful defiance against God—then it cannot reflect God's will. Moses may have given laws to regulate divorce, but divorce is not God's will for marriage.



David E. Garland, Mark, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 379.

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““ God created male and female and joins them into a one-flesh relationship. Since God is the one who joins the two together, he is the Lord of the union. Who are males to make themselves the lords of the marriage by ousting an unwanted wife as they might discard a piece of used goods? God abandons no one; the husband is not to abandon the spouse even if it has legal precedent.

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“Captain Obvious” Statements

1. Marriage was created to be an illustration of Christ and the Church.
2. It made not to end in divorce. No one goes into marriage looking forward to divorce.
3. God is divorced from his people Israel. He hates divorce knowing firsthand the pain that it causes.

“Captain Obvious” Statements

4. Divorce is one of the most painful, unnatural things a person can go through. It is why God takes marriage so seriously.

5. Divorce is not the problem. The breakdown of the marriage covenant is the problem.

6. Divorces happen in a fallen world.



Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

It Is NOT Good

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

(Genesis 2:18)

Genesis 2:19-20

19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Genesis 2:21-22

21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23

23 Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.”



Genesis 2:24-25

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

“The union of the two in marriage is to be an **exclusive** (a man leaves ..., 24, RSV), **permanent** (... and cleaves), **God-sealed bond** (one flesh: cf. Mark 10:8f.); for ‘God himself, like a father of the bride, leads the woman to the man’ (G. von Rad).²³ Fourthly, there is, in God’s true pattern, **perfect ease between them** (25). But it is the fruit of perfect love, which has no alloy of greed, distrust or dishonour; it was understandably an immediate casualty of the fall...”

Genesis 3:16

16 To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.”

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

“When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, 2 and if she goes and becomes another man's wife

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

3 and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, 4 then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord. And you shall not bring sin upon the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

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Ezekiel 16:8 – “I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine.”

Hosea 2:2 – “Plead with your mother, plead for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband”

Jeremiah 3:8 – “I had sent her away with a decree of divorce.”

Isaiah 54:5 – “For your Maker is your husband”

Isaiah 62:5

5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
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Just as it is the crown, and not merely the will to rule, that makes the king, so it is marriage, and not merely your love for each other, that joins you together in the sight of God and man. As you first gave the ring to one another and have now received it a second time from the hand of the pastor, so love comes from you, but marriage from above, from God. As high as God is above man, so high are the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of marriage above the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of love. It is not your love that sustains the marriage, but from now on, the marriage that sustains your love.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, A Wedding Sermon from a 1943 Prison Cell

Ephesians 5:22-33

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Ephesians 5:22-33

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:22-33

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. **31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”** 32 **This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.** 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

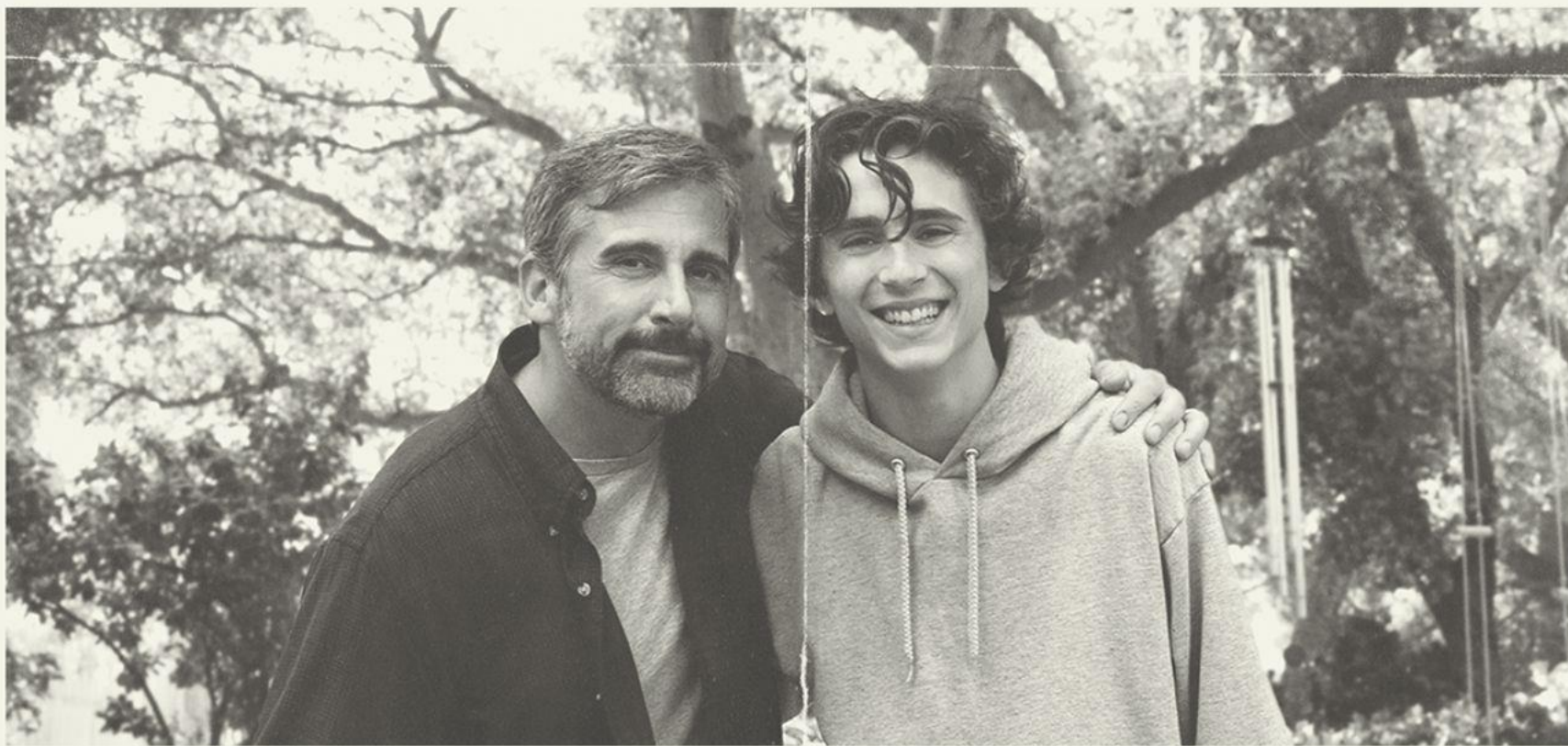
Strengthening Marriage as a Church

1. Premarital counseling & ongoing support
2. Pastoral counseling
3. Community Groups
4. Fostering a culture of grace & gospel commitment

“ And all of you know that in parenting you get very little back, for a long time, and they never catch up. You give and you give and you give, and it’s not a consumer relationship at all. You adjust to them, and you give and you give, and what’s weird is, you do it and so you’re so invested in your children, that even when they in no way act in a lovable way, you love them. There’s a deeper, richer feeling because you’re invested in them. And in the same way, if you treat your relationship, your marriage as a covenant relationship, if you’re committed in spite of feelings, deeper feelings grow.

-Timothy Keller, "Love and Lust", Sermon, 2012. <https://podcast.gospelinlife.com/e/love-and-lust-1562113888/>

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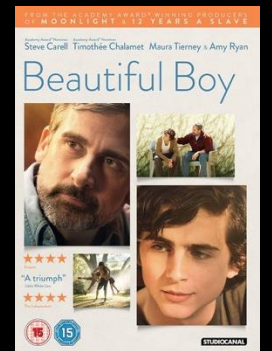
Beautiful Boy





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Do you know how much I love you? If you could take all the words in the language, it still wouldn't describe how much I love you. And if you could gather all those words together, it still wouldn't describe what I feel for you. What I feel for you is everything. I love you more than everything.



-Beautiful Boy, 2018

Gospel Response

Start: Will you let God sing over you? Will you come back to him?

Strengthen: God loves you more than everything. Stay committed to him.