

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018
Wednesday night couple's groups
Week 9
"From this day forward"

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD—9 NEVER GIVE UP

Married someone opposite?

Dating: Opposites attract * Marriage: opposites attack

Punctual, Creative * \$ Spending, Saving * Flat pancakes, thick.

We're in love—we're in divorce court!

- 1. SEEK GOD**
- 2. FIGHT FAIR**
- 3. HAVE FUN**
- 4. STAY PURE**
- 5. NEVER GIVE UP**

Never Give Up—Abuse

If you have lost a marriage...From This Day Forward

3 Some Pharisees came to (Jesus) 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,' 5 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'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Matt 19:3-6

Reason divorce feels horrible... follows you... ripping one thing apart.
Don't un-one what God made one.

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT NOT A CONTRACT

- **A CONTRACT IS BASED ON MUTAL DISTRUST. A COVENANT IS BASED ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT.**

Contract limits my responsibilities and increases my rights.

Rent houses

Prenup—don't want to lose my Chevy, golf clubs & my fish tank.

Covenant permanent relationship—no end date—till death do us part.

Berithe—cutting... Cut hands!

To be wife, have and hold—From this day forward—long as both live.

Ruth Graham... ever consider divorcing Billy

I'm not happy. I don't trust him. I don't love her.

Get divorced because you ran out of love is like selling your car because it ran out of gas. Will run out of love—God never runs out of love!

Additional Material

God will never leave you or forsake you.

Leaving is physical. Forsaking is emotional.

You can still be present physically but absent emotionally. You didn't leave her you have forsaken her.

Why do couples give up? What do we fight about? Drives us apart?

\$, Sex, Comm., Children, In-laws (Jesus & Peter's mom/law.)

Separate lives, Addictions, Dishonesty, secrets, betrayal

- **A CONTRACT IS BASED ON MUTUAL DISTRUST. IT LIMITS MY RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROTECTS MY RIGHTS.**

Protect me from your wrong-doing. Only in as far as you're in.

Rent houses

Prenup—don't want to lose my Honda and my fish tank.

Live together—shake on it.

Move my clothes in. Move out as easy as you moved in.

As long as I feel in love, meet my needs, nothing better comes along.

• **A COVENANT IS BASED ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT.**
IT LIMITS MY RIGHTS AND INCREASES MY
RESPONSIBILITIES.

covenant: beriyth (ber-eeth'); cutting, a binding agreement, a blood covenant.

Sex, consummate our covenant vows with sex.

Taken sex away from God. I'll do it when I want, who I want, any way I want. My body—do what I want. If you are a Xian—not your body!

You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Cor 6:19-20

Adultery grounds for divorce—also grounds for forgiveness.

Sow—wild oats.

United—Untied

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. Ps 34:3

...because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Mal 2:14