

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF DIVORCE

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Chances are your life has been touched by divorce, either directly or indirectly. Hardly a home has escaped the heartache of a broken marriage, including Christian homes. The toleration and acceptance of divorce as a way of life has caused its rates to soar to national epidemic proportions. Yet those who maintain a stricter view of marriage are often seen as judgmental. Does “till death do us part” have no significant meaning any longer? Are there no standards that would help us maintain a high view of marriage and provide loving support for those who have suffered divorce?



Discovering the Way

1. An Unguarded Declaration of the Issue (Selected Scriptures from Genesis 1–3)
God’s design for marriage, between one man and one woman who live together for His glory, has lost its permanence today . . . and with tragic consequences.

2. In Jesus’s Day: His Instruction on Divorce (Matthew 19:3–12)

Divorce was never God’s ideal for His people, but He permitted it under certain circumstances. Understanding these circumstances, Jesus dealt with various questions (Matthew 19:3) by providing careful analysis (19:4–9) and by challenging His disciples to a necessary acceptance (19:10–12).

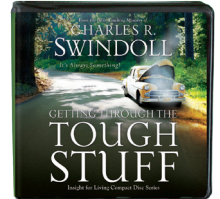


Starting Your Journey

Jesus relates some hard-to-hear conclusions that call for a response. First, the sanctity of marriage necessitates commitment. Second, the necessity of commitment is weakened by depravity. Third, the depravity of humanity is counteracted only by Christ.



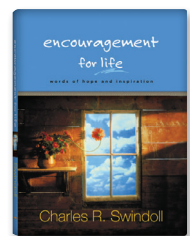
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