



The Meaning of: Divorce

A GLORIOUS MESS, Act 2: Part 3
Lessons from the Church at Corinth

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A GLORIOUS MESS ▶▶ We MAKE ROOM ▶▶▶

Which means we make room for each other's pain.

Vintage Us: We affirmed your status as a gift you bring.

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SINGLE – FOCUSED

DIVORCED – FREED (untangled and less caught up)

... Gift? Seriously! Yes, the chance to get the story right, to live the right story!

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THINK DIFFERENT... REPRISE

(see Matthew 19:3–12 and Malachi 2:13–16)

- ✓ DON'T THINK: Loophole
- ✓ THINK: Life, Pleasing God, Honor God, Trust God, Blessed by God, Loving God and Neighbor
- ✓ OUT-THINK GOD? DON'T THINK SO!

LIVING THE MEANING

1. NOW — Follow Jesus right NOW!
"Go (proceed on) and from the now no longer be living out sin." Jesus (word for word translation of John 8:11)
2. PAST — Confess, don't justify
3. FUTURE — in general... REMAIN in your status!
*Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released.
Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.*
1 Corinthians 7:27
 - With community — Don't make a move without Biblically literate, God-centered, community.
 - First, Be Happy — Realize we tend to repeat our mistakes, especially if we haven't thoroughly "re-thunk" (a.k.a. repented)
4. WASHED — No one goes through this without some scars and stains!



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