



## The Meaning of Marriage

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<sup>31</sup> It was said, 'Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce'; <sup>32</sup> but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity/immorality (Greek – porneia), makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.  
Matthew 5:31–32

- ✓ Notice you can even quote scripture and miss the point.
- ✓ Putting the scripture in service of a bad script

Our Bad Scripts — effect us all...

"The One"

"The Elvis"

"The Kenny Rogers"

"The Coldplay" — I will fix you

"The attraction"

Bad scripts lead us away from meaning,  
make us frustrated and even resentful of God.

Matthew 19:3–12

Marriage means "THE OTHER".

Marriage means "Covenant".

Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

Malachi 2:14

Marriage means "Demonstration" — Ephesians 5... written by a single guy.

- God is all in on this: God is about displaying His glory... Jesus came to "explain God"... the Holy Spirit unfolds the meaning of who Jesus is and what He did!
- End game — people go... Oh Yeaaaaa... Oh Yummmm.

## HELP TOWARD MEANING

1. SITUATION IS VOCATION (calling)
  - So effort your calling
  - Remember: It's no shame to find difficult stuff to be... difficult!
  - You were never intended to go it alone!
  - End game — people go... Oh Yeaaaaa... Oh Yummmm.
2. GOD IS THE GOSPEL — the good news is not that God gives you what you want... He gives you what you WANT!
3. JOY... LIFE... God will be no one's debtor!

...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live.

Ezekiel 20:11