

What God Has Joined Together
Divorce, Remarriage and Redemption
Life Steps | January 23 & 24, 2016

Day 1

Matthew 19:1-12

In Jesus' day women were seen more as things, not as people. A divorced woman had no way of taking care of herself. With this in mind, how is Jesus sticking up for the women in that society? How does this change the way you read this text?

Day 2

Malachi 2:10-16

What does this passage have to say about divorce? Why does God dislike it so much?'

Day 3

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

Paul is writing to a group of people who are experiencing a severe famine. (He talks about it in verse 26 when he speaks of the "present crisis.") How does knowing that change the way you read this passage? How would you put this in your own words?

Day 4

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

What wisdom is there in this passage to people who are going through a divorce or any major life change?

Day 5

Isaiah 26

What words of comfort are there in this passage for people dealing with the pain of divorce or any major life change?

Day 6

Joel 2:18-25

What word of hope is there in this passage for people in the midst of divorce or any major life change?

Day 7

John 4:1-42

How does Jesus meet this woman's deepest need? How does he redeem her life? What good news is there in this passage for people dealing with the pain of divorce or any major life change?