

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

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF REMARRIAGE

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

The idyllic marital bliss of Adam and Eve was split in two when sin wedged itself between them. Everything changed, between this couple and every other couple in history. Divorces are epidemic, and though the causes are myriad, at their root is sin. One partner's sin may be overt, but the failure that results in a broken marriage is invariably a two-way journey traveled by two guilty sinners. But once the divorce is finalized, the question often arises: "Is remarriage always permissible . . . never permissible . . . sometimes permissible?" What does the Scripture say?



Discovering the Way

1. Natural Allegory of the Marriage-Divorce Dilemma

Did you know that ducks mate for life? If one is shot from the sky or falls from illness, the other one will land and stay with their mate. This is the way marriage is supposed to be.

2. Scriptural Survey of the Possibility of Remarriage (Selected Scriptures)

Marriage is a mystery, and so is remarriage. This issue is debatable, but there are at least three situations where God grants permission to remarry: the case of the unrepentant, immoral partner (Matthew 19:7–9); the case of desertion by an unbelieving mate (1 Corinthians 7); and the case of marital failure prior to salvation (2 Corinthians 5:16–17).

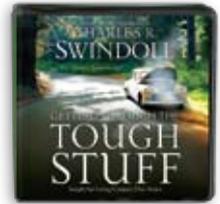


Starting Your Journey

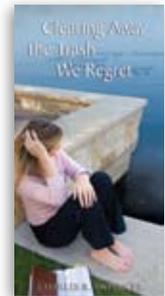
If you're struggling with the issue of marriage and remarriage, keep this counsel in mind. To the unmarried—*be patient*. To the married—*be content*. To the miserable, who have the right to divorce and remarry—*be careful . . . be wise*. To the remarried—*be grateful and understanding*.



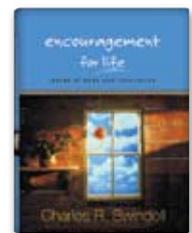
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