

Together: study of 1 Corinthians
“4 Ingredients of Together Marriages”

1 Corinthians 7:10-24

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Together Marriages are:

1. Together Sexually. (v.1-9)

2. Together Securely.

¹⁰ To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. ¹¹ But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11

6 THINGS THAT MAY LOOSEN YOUR SECURE MARRIAGE

- (a) Financial Difficulties
- (b) Social Media
- (c) Work
- (d) Kids
- (e) Substance Abuse/Addictions
- (f) Overcommitment

3. Together for Sanctification.

¹² To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. ¹³ And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. ¹⁶ How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

1 Corinthians 7:12-16

4. Together despite their Situation.

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. ²⁰ Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

²⁴ Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

QUESTION:

***SHOULD MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHANGE MY
RELATIONSHIP STATUS WITH THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE?***

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-40. How would you describe Paul’s view of marriage?
3. What are Paul’s guidelines regarding divorce between a Christian couple (7:10-11)? What are the two options if divorce happens (v. 11)? Is remarriage an option for Christian couple according to Paul? Why or Why not?
4. How could Paul’s guidelines/options help address the issue of divorce within the local church? What would happen in the local church today if we adopted Paul’s guideline and policy for Christian couples?
5. What are Paul’s guidelines on becoming divorced from an unbelieving spouse (7:12-16)? According to Paul, what are some benefits of remaining in a spiritually mixed marriage (7:14-15)?
6. Under what circumstances would Paul seemingly allow for divorce and why (7:15-16)? Why is Paul’s instruction not an “easy way out?”
7. What principles from the chapter so far could help us care for Christians who are considering separation or divorce?