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Urgent help! - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2005/3/18 17:17

My neighbor who is a very sweet Christian family is going to file for divorce. I meet with her tomorrow to make a first appeal to change her mind. They have 2 sweet children. I'm clueless what I am going to say. I pray that God gives me the right words and I'm going to search the bible for suitable verses. This is the first time God using me in such delicate matter. Any suggestion will be greatly appreciated.

Re: Urgent help! - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/3/18 19:38

Christians don't get a divorce.

Re: Urgent help! - posted by Sentry (), on: 2005/3/18 21:38

Well, a marriage counselor I definitely am not.

But, I was separated from my wife, and on the way to a divorce. Now, we are back together, and more happy than ever, thanks to God.

My only suggestion, if it even applies to these folks, is GIVE IT TIME. Satan is so deceitful.

Lies like:

This marriage just can't work.

I don't love him/her anymore.

Someone else would understand.

A divorce is worse than a death in the family, I've heard it say. Think of how it will affect the kids.

All this and much more.

Oh yeah, and this one...WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?

I'll pray for them tonight.

Re: - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2005/3/18 21:53

Quote:

-----KingJimmy

That was not a statement of love. Does that mean I shouldn't try to help? My responsibility is to preach Christ.

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/3/18 22:06

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Absolutely Paula! Many people think they are taking the easy road, but as a Christian, if one chooses to divorce, there will be much heartache down the road. Preach the Word of God in love and let the Holy Spirit do a work of reconciliation. Blessings sister. In Him, Cindy

Re: - posted by Sentry (), on: 2005/3/18 23:42

Quote:

KingJimmy wrote:

Christians don't get a divorce.

Actually, they do, tons of them, even Pastors of Churches, huge churches.

But I know what you meant.

But they shouldn't, that's for sure.

I'm not sure how accurate it is, but I heard that the Christian divorce rate is higher than that of the Worlds.

It is truly a sad mess.

Re: Urgent help! - posted by Matt25 (), on: 2005/3/19 0:17

If your friend does not want the divorce (ie, one sided) then you should encourage her to push her husband to seek counseling from a conservative CHRISTIAN marriage counselor. Obviously Jesus stated the only condition for divorce is infidelity but if they haven't gone that far then it has a good chance of working out. My parents went through this when I was younger (about 15 years ago) and I know that one had not been faithful to the other but they ended up staying together. It was hard for them but now they are happier than ever. I know many divorced people and none of them are content/happy. Most say in hindsight they wished they would've worked things out. It's tough because we're not in your friend's shoes. Marriage is both heaven and hell. It may be hard to make her realize that things can actually get better but I believe the most important thing you can do for her is to be a caring voice of reason. She may be getting advice from other friends who are divorced. You know misery loves company and I've heard the same miserable divorced people I know to encourage their married friends to go ahead and file for divorce if they aren't happy.

Ravi Zacharias (www.rzim.org) Ravi Zacharias Internation Ministries has made the very true statement that **if you will t o love someone you can**. In the beginning, love between a man and a woman may be completely physical and romantic (lust) which is the way God made us so we'd be "fruitful". But everyone knows that after the lust dies the commitment part steps in. This is where the *will* to love the other person comes in. I'll pray that you are able to help your friend make the right decision and not the easy one.

Ravi's message *I Isaac, Take thee Rebekah* is a very good sermon on love, marriage and commitment.

(<http://resources.christianity.com/ministries/rzim/main/talkInfo.jhtml?id21409&JServSessionIdroot9lzzbhj2n1>) I Isaac, Take thee Rebekah part 1

(<http://resources.christianity.com/ministries/rzim/main/talkInfo.jhtml?id21410&JServSessionIdroot9lzzbhj2n1>) I Isaac, Take thee Rebekah part 2

Re: Urgent help! - posted by AgesofWar (), on: 2005/3/19 1:10

Paula4jc

If you would ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words to touch the folks getting a divorce, He will.

I and my Wife have just prayed for you, we were separated, I handed her divorce papers...

Yet be assured the prayers of a Loving Wife and of our Family brought me back to the saving knowledge of Christ.

So even though other may say it is useless rest assured that our GOD JESUS is more than able to take what the tyrant has stolen.

Isaiah 49:24-25

24 Thus says the LORD:

Can booty be taken from a warrior?

or captives be rescued from a tyrant?

25 Yes, captives can be taken from a warrior,

and booty be rescued from a tyrant;

Those who oppose you I will oppose,

and your sons I will save.

If you are to be used examine yourself and ask the Lord to speak through you. He will give you the words that will not fall to the Ground.

Don't give up, but be respectful and Loving and give the Word of the Lord with Love.

Re: Urgent help! - posted by AgesofWar (), on: 2005/3/19 1:18

Hi Paula,

This is Michael's wife, Era, writing this time.

You were looking for scripture, and I can only give you the words of Jesus himself:¶

¶“Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery. Luke 16:18

¶Furthermore it has been said, ¶¶“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.¶ ¶ But I say to you that ¶¶whoever divorces his wife for any reason except ¶¶sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery. Matthew 5:31

I pray this helps you.

PS: Thank you for trying to keep this couple together. But, PLEASE don't lose faith if things don't turn out the way you want them to right away. When my marriage was suffering, we had people praying for us everywhere, but I saw no immediate results. But, when I least expected, my husband "came back from the dead" to me. Please, have faith.

Re: - posted by MarkDaniel (), on: 2005/3/19 10:01

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AMEN. And Paul also said this:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

GOD'S WORD DOES NOT CHANGE despite what so many in the churches of America do with their marriages, divorces and adulteries today. I will be honest with you, don't expect most of the churches to contend for the marriage. You will find out most "pastors" and "Christians" today will encourage divorce and adultery right into their churches because they themselves are living in unrepentant adultery and rebellion.

Use THE BIBLE as a test of the spirit to see who is adhering to the words of Jesus, and not the devil's wicked ways. If you find a brother or sister who will help you CONTEND for the marriage, keep them CLOSE to you. They are a jewel.

Be encouraged and pray for a restoration that will result in a marriage that is 77 times stronger than before! TRUST IN THE LORD.

I agree with Jimmy. Christians who are true to the faith and FOLLOW Jesus' and put His words INTO PRACTICE as Jesus says below, will not divorce, except for sexual immorality or unfaithfulness. It's the ONLY REASON that Jesus gave permission to divorce. Period. End of story.

Luke 6:46-49 The Wise and Foolish Builders

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Re: divorce - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/19 10:23

Paula,

I have every reason to divorce my husband. I found almost 2 months ago that my husband (yes, he is a christian) had a 2 month affair over the months of Dec. and Jan.

I have chosen to forgive him and the girl whom he had the affair with. She worked with him and she is also married with a little boy.

Since i chose to forgive him and her and reconciled because i knew that was what god was asking of me, I have since had opportunities to witness to this girl who my husband had an affair with.

The Lord has done amazing things, because I chose to do what is right.

My marriage is better now than ever, though it will take some time for me to trust my husband completely.

All I needed to trust is God anyway. He will take care of me.

The consequences of divorce are undoable. If there are children involved, I do believe that on our part it is almost child abuse. Though, through God's grace, they may recover later on, the fact that we, as christians, could prevent the harm and damage in the first place, makes us accountable.

May God give you the wisdom you need directly from Him, to pray and counsel with this couple. He desires that, through His strength, they might OVERCOME so that He can get the glory! :)

As followers of Christ, we should act different than the world. We have a high priest and a helper that this world does not have. we should act like it. Jesus died so that we might be able to overcome, where others can't because they don't have the power of His spirit.

In His love, Chanin

Testimony and praise - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/3/19 10:41

Chanin, bless your heart sister.

Dear saints, this is a remarkable testimony here.

Only the love of God could produce this. Much more could be said but Chanin, we love you sister, the Lord knows...

Re: - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2005/3/19 12:01

Malachi 2:

14You ask, "Why?" It's because the Lord is holding you accountable. He watches how you treat the wife you married when you were young. You have broken your promise to her. You did it even though she's your partner. You promised to stay married to her. And the Lord was a witness to it.

15Hasn't he made the two of you one? Both of you belong to him in body and spirit. And why has he made you one? Because he was looking for godly children. So guard yourself in your spirit. Don't break your promise to the wife you married when you were young.

16"I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel. "I hate it when people do anything that harms others," says the Lord who rules over all.

So guard yourself in your spirit. And don't break your promises.

1 Corinthians 13:

4Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. 5It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs.

6Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. 7It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

8Love never fails. But prophecy will pass away. Speaking in languages that had not been known before will end. And knowledge will pass away.

9What we know now is not complete.

My visit with her went well. I gave her this site and she promise to get into the word daily. She has only been a Christian for 2 years and has not been reading her bible daily. They got along so well when I was there you wouldn't know there's a problem. There isn't any abuse or infidelity, but she just bought the lies of the devil that the family would be happier divorce. They're going to get counsel at there church.

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/3/19 13:33

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I Praise God for you Paula. If we all would care for our brothers and sisters by speaking the truth in love through the Word of God, many would be spared the anguishes associated with divorce and compounding that sin by entering into adulterous remarriages.....

Chanin, you know I think you have an incredible testimony. It thrills my heart to see the level of repentance in your marriage and the "big picture" mindset you have. I am so grieved when I see the mindsets of so many professed believers t

oday-----speaking of their "rights" because of someone's sin against them. We are Christ's, not our own anymore. I am even more amazed and saddened by those who encourage such mindsets to continue instead of speaking of our flesh needing to die so Christ will be glorified.....Thank you for sharing your awesome testimony, to the encouragement of the saints. Blessings in Him, Cindy

Re:, on: 2005/3/19 15:11

Glad to hear that the visit went well. I was about to offer my prayers but then I realized that this visit already took place.. .however, I will pray for this couple.

Chanin,

Thank you for that wonderful testimony!

God Bless.

Stephen