

Stand Now, If You Can Stand!

Scripture reading: Matthew 19:1-8

When Jesus Christ spoke to the disciples in the 19th chapter of Matthew, He was speaking about divorce. Let us look at that. In Verse 7, the Pharisees said unto Him, "*Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*" ⁸*He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*" The abundance of sin is what caused divorce. The abundance of sin causes divorce!

A man has his wife, but the wife goes out and mixes herself with someone else! Immediately, she breaks the marriage bond between them. And that man is in trouble! He is in trouble! If he wants to serve God, he cannot mix himself with harlotry; if he wants to serve God, he will have to try to regain her to Christ!

When you, girls, think about marriage, think about these things. When a man comes and makes a commitment before God and before the people, he must have a firm spiritual nature imbedded in him, so that you will know that he is not going to break that commitment.

Young men, when you marry a woman, you must make sure that you marry someone who has a firm commitment; one who is rooted and grounded in the character of God, so that she is not going to break that commitment!

We are being tried now! All of our foundations are being shaken! **All of our foundations are being shaken and God is saying to us, "Stand! Stand now, if you can stand!" If you cannot stand now, then you will be among those who end up on the sidelines. We want to be the overcomers that God speaks about. Every one of us here has the capacity to be an overcomer. And God is saying to us, "Overcome this body first!"**

Don't try to go overcome anybody out there! You know, some of us want to overcome spirits—"We are overcomers! We command you in the name of Jesus to depart!" I tell you, the overcomer is going to overcome his body! Because the body is a wild beast that will get loose and try to control you! And it might not be in this way, but it might be in another way. One thing is for sure though: we need to overcome our emotions.

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Thought for today: It is time to overcome your body if you don't want to be among those who end up on the sidelines.