

“Divorce Sucks!”

Matthew 5:31-32 (intro)

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INTRO: What's your favorite Father's Day thought?
(For me, it's **The Gospel** per John 3:16!)

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- Gospel of Matthew on **The Gospel of Jesus Christ**
- The Sermon On The Mount continues...
- **Jesus is about to dive into biblical divorce.**
- To prep, we will dig a bit into biblical marriage...
- **After considering Him, hell, & divorce's hurt...**
(we come to realize)



PREVIEW:

1. Consider Him
2. Consider Help
3. Consider Hurt
4. Consider Him

BIG IDEA:

God HATES divorce but LOVES disciples!

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Righteous love forgives...

Righteous love OBEYS.

God's love saves!

I. CONSIDER HIM

- A. All of creation was created to glorify our Creator!
- B. Everything comes back to God's truth in love...
 - a. Ephesians 4:15
 - b. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- C. We need biblical & missional vs. cultural input.

BIBLICAL



Marriage & Divorce

D. ALL Christians are FAMILY... *some are married.*

E. **We need to connect some theological truths...**

F. Here are a handful of foundational passages...

G. [Malachi 2:16](#) will serve as our umbrella verse.

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Marriage & Divorce

Genesis 1:27-28... (blessing & marriage)
Genesis 2:24 & 3:15... (marriage & messiness)
Malachi 2:16... (God HATES divorce)
Matthew 19:5-7 & 5:31-32... (Jesus on both)

II. CONSIDER **HELP**

Romans 3:23 & Ephesians 2:1

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...and YOU were dead in your transgression & sins.



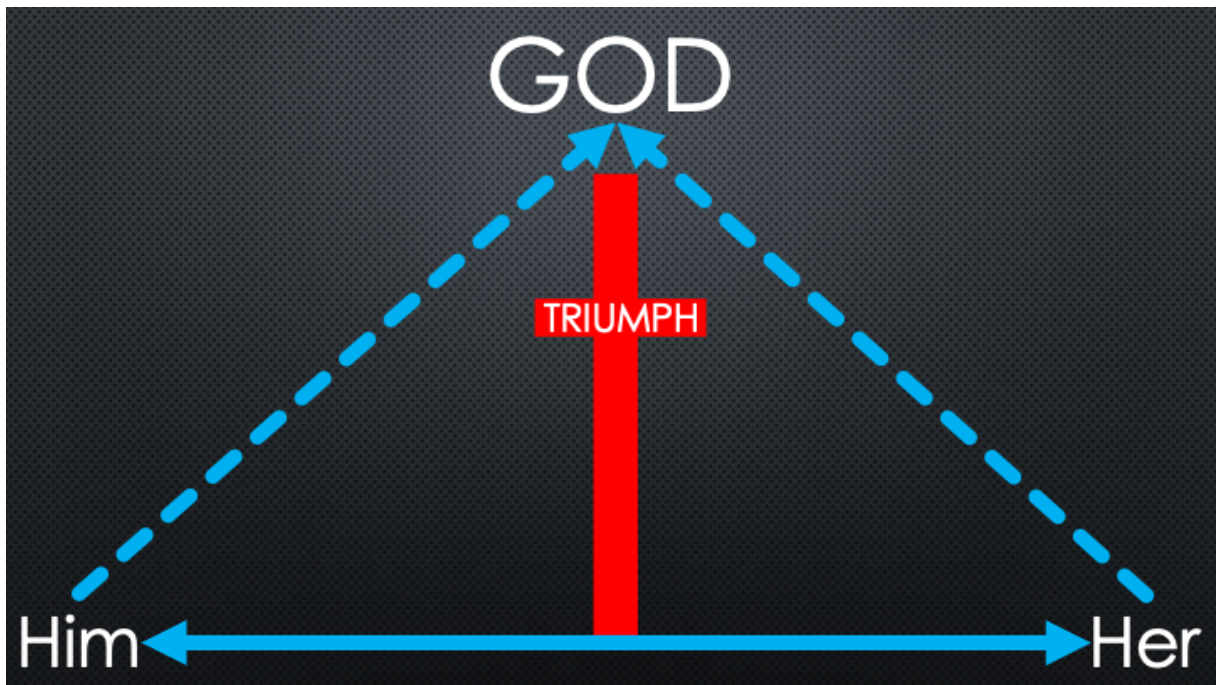
BEWARE of the worldly ways of making compromises...

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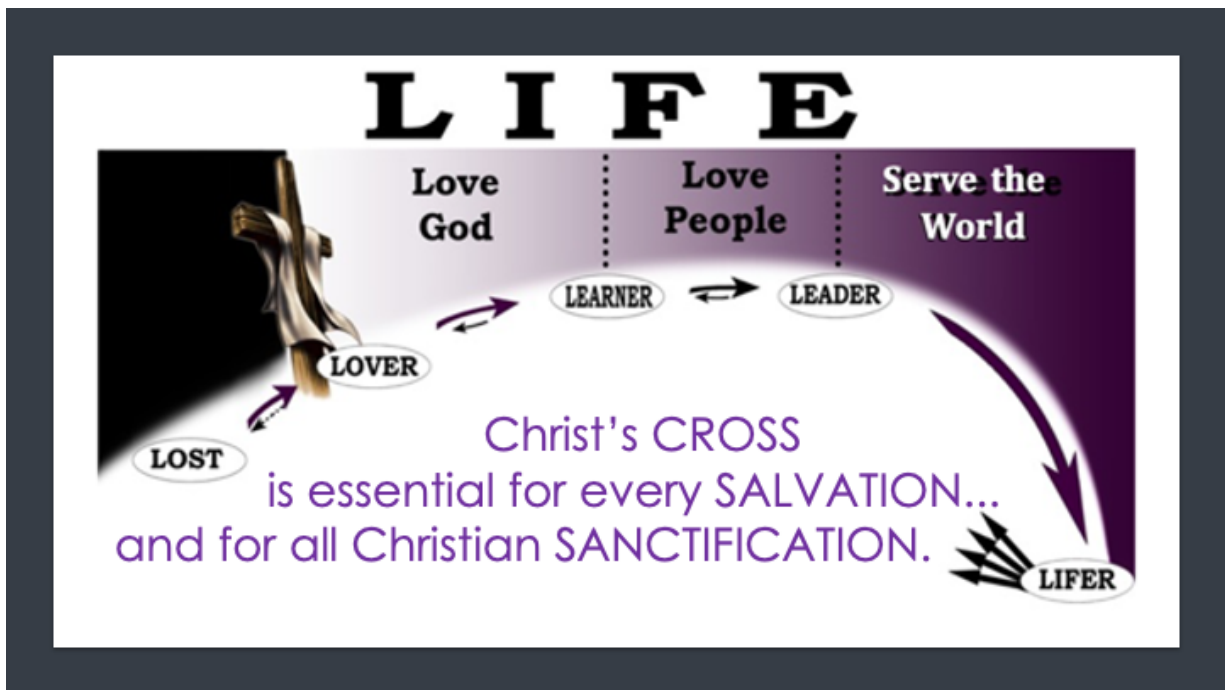
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Here's the simple, visual, & powerful principle-triangle.
(COVENANT vs. CONTRACT)

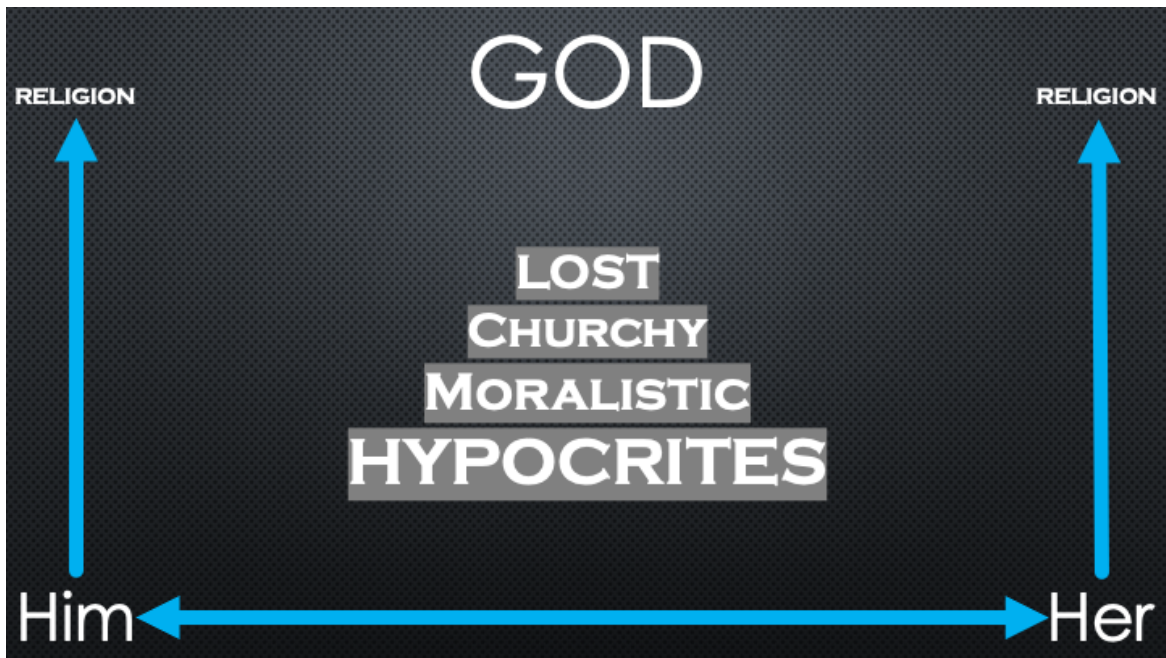


God's grace & Gospel are at the center of all that is good

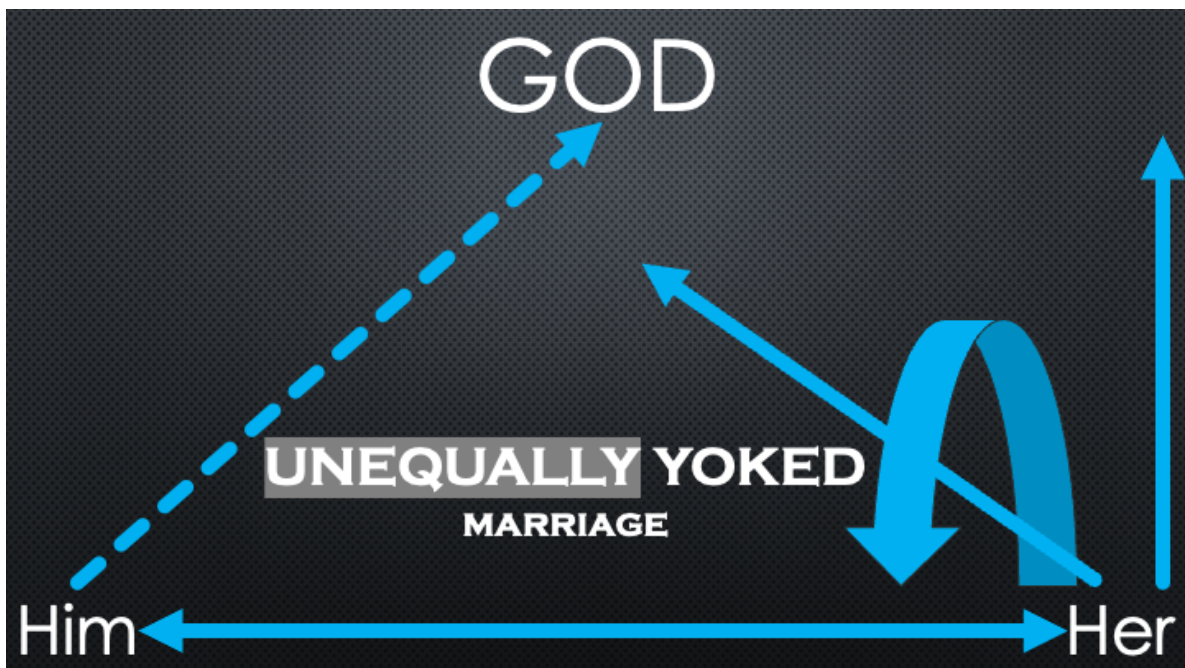


BEWARE!

There is much that is vertical but not truly virtuous!



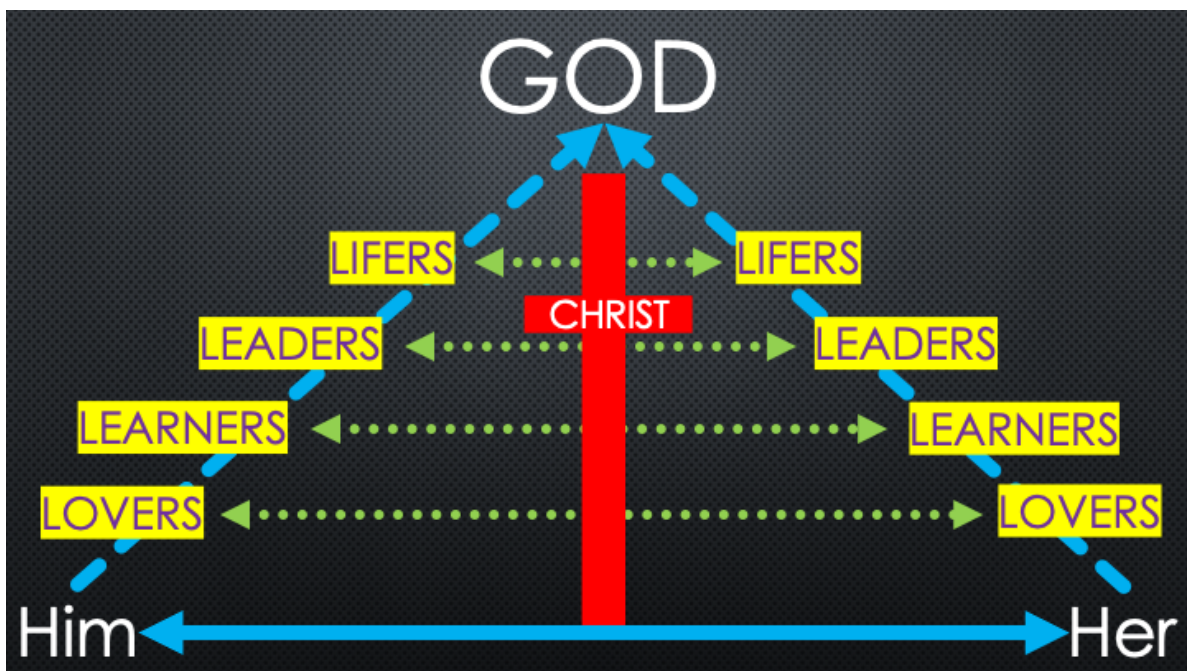
Sometimes all you can do is ALL you can do... so pray!



For Christian couples... here's the biblical blueprint!
(DON'T LET ANYONE INSIDE THE TRIANGLE)



See how our Savior, salvation, & sanctification are all united in the biblical union of marriage...

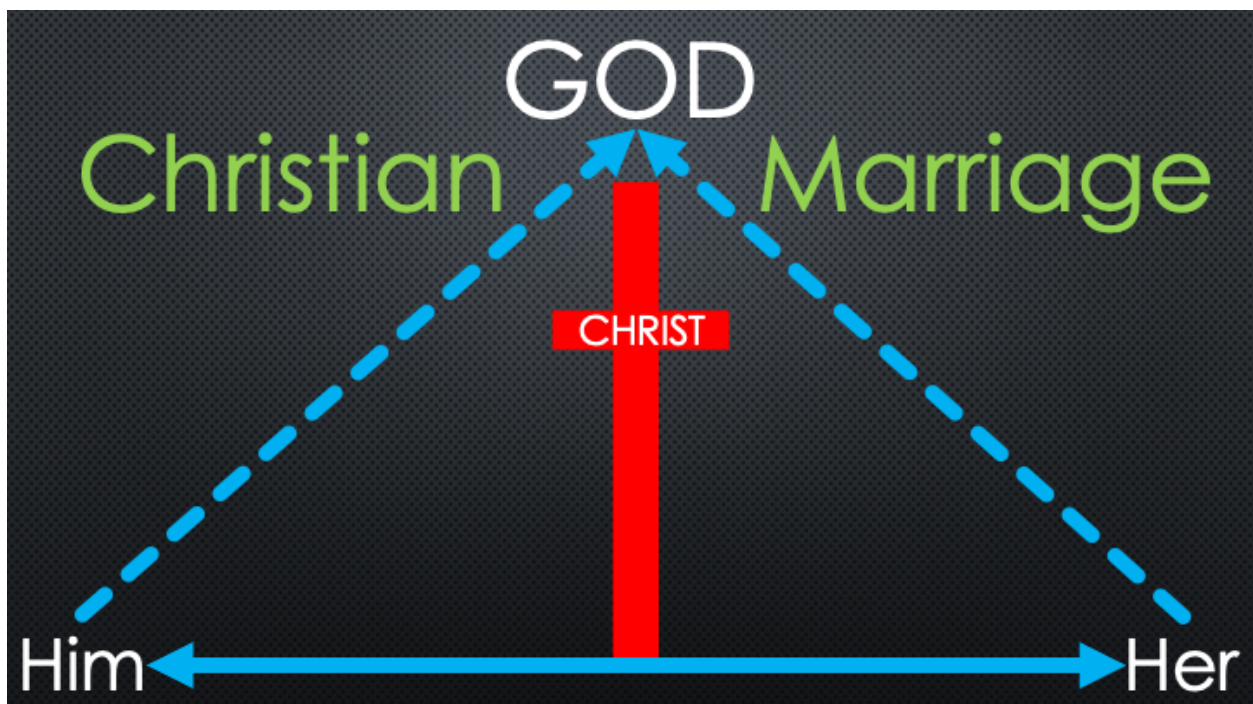


Again, consider Him, get His help, & He'll stop the hurt...

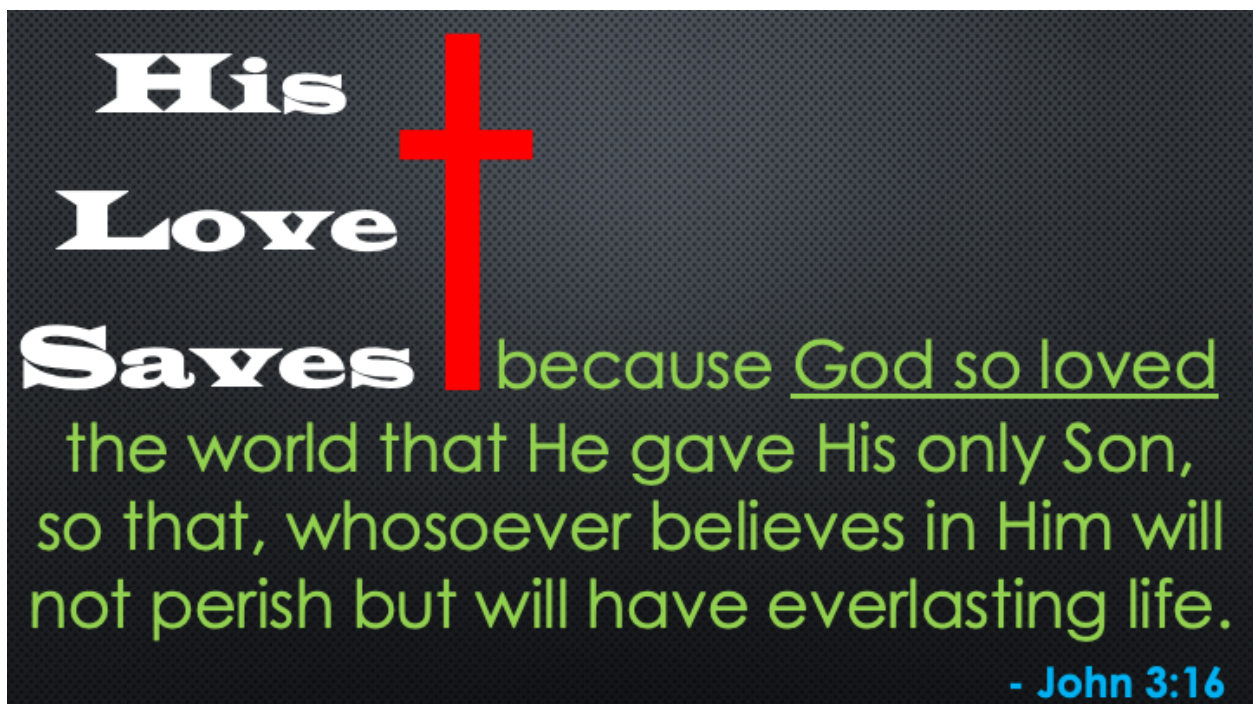
III. CONSIDER HURT

- A. **DIVORCE HURTS! LOVE SAVES!**
- B. Remember the faithful family flow here...
 - a. Consider Him
 - b. Consider Help
 - c. NOW... Consider the Hurt from both sides...
- C. *Jeff Allen's testimony informs, inspects, & inspires*

VIDEO: *Jeff Allen's Testimony*



IV. CONSIDER HIM



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CLOSE:

- God's glory, grace, & forgiving Gospel are to be at the center of every biblical marriage...
- Where/when this is ignored or perverted... divorce is lurking in the shadows!
- **Don't ever forget or neglect the MISSION of every biblical message & marriage!**
- May our walk, worship, & witness BE...

“Hallelujah!”

PRAYER

WORSHIP:

Hard Fought Hallelujah & Gratitude

LINKS:

Jeff Allen's Testimony:

- Included in today's sermon:
<https://youtu.be/yWjzibi8sM0?si=yNZwmhUYiJvaJWja>
- Similar but shorter version: <https://youtu.be/gOIB-4IVgTc?si=bsR0j9YaKVwitFy>
- Historically used in Pastor Jeff's counselling:
https://youtu.be/svBV3r-3ono?si=N4q_yF1niB4_l6_X

Brandon Lake's 2 songs:

- *Hard Fought Hallelujah*
<https://youtu.be/7X0KKWrkfvQ?si=V3AUUAxWqdeR6x-P>
- *Preface prayer to Gratitude*
<https://youtu.be/PzH8d4PIQsc?si=T0PkCMFRNOyW3TuF>
- *Gratitude (lyrics)*
<https://youtu.be/cD3xUCGPUUnA?si=iLcRatUYAcIE9NCK>