

“LONG-TERM DISABILITY”

MATTHEW 19:1-11

I. WE MUST COMMIT TO THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE

A: ONE MAN + ONE WIFE = ONE LIFE

B: BECAUSE GOD IS THE ONE THAT MAKES A MARRIAGE, GOD IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN BREAK THE MARRIAGE.

C: MARRIAGE IS ALWAYS THE WORK OF GOD.

D: DIVORCE IS ALWAYS THE WORK OF PEOPLE

II. WE MUST CONFRONT THE PROBLEM OF DIVORCE

A: JESUS SAID DIVORCE CAME INTO THE WORLD FOR ONE REASON AND ONE REASON ONLY - SIN.

B: MARRIAGE IS A DIVINE INSTITUTION. DIVORCE IS A HUMAN INVENTION.

C: DIVORCE IS NEVER IN GOD’S PERFECT WILL FOR YOUR LIFE.

D: IN GOD’S PERFECT PLAN FOR A MARRIAGE DEATH IS THE ONLY OPTION.

III. WE MUST CONSIDER THE PRINCIPLE OF EXCEPTION

A: IF YOU DIVORCE, FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN SEXUAL IMMORALITY ON THE PART OF YOUR SPOUSE, AND YOU REMARRY SOMEONE YOU COMMIT ADULTERY.

B: THREE COMPONENTS TO MAKING A TROUBLED MARRIAGE WORK

(1) SIMPLY MAKING UP THEIR MIND TO STAY WITH IT

(2) ACTIVELY WORKING ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP

(3) MAKING A PERSONAL CHANGE IN THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR OR ATTITUDE