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*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

**Romans 8:1 (NIV)**

*It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

**Matthew 5:31-32 (NIV)**

*Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

**Matthew 19:3-10 (NIV)**

*If a man marries a woman and then it happens that he no longer likes her because he has found something wrong with her, he may give her divorce papers, put them in her hand, and send her off.*

**Deuteronomy 24:1 (MSG)**

## JESUS ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

### 1. JESUS SETS A HIGH STANDARD FOR MARRIAGE

*Jesus' disciples then said to him, "If this is the case, it is better not to marry!"*

**Matthew 19:10 (NLT)**

*"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."*

**Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT)**

### 2. JESUS SETS AN EVEN HIGHER STANDARD FOR DIVORCE

*"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

**Matthew 19:7-9 (NIV)**

**"When God wants to make a giant oak, he takes a hundred years, but when he wants to make a mushroom, he does it overnight. Great souls are grown through struggles and storms and seasons of suffering. Be patient with the process." - Rick Warren**

*You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

**Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)**

### 3. JESUS WILL TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO, BUT HE WON'T TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE

*Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

**John 8:10-11 (NIV)**

*For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them."*

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV)**