

COVENANT KEEPING

Matthew 19:3-6

A "That's It" Relationship Week 3

"Some Pharisees came to him [Jesus] to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

⁴ "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'⁵ 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'?"⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." -

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THREE APPROACHES TO MARRIAGE

- CASUAL approach—Marriage is just a piece of paper.
 - CONTRACTUAL approach—Marriage is a contract.
 - COVENANTAL approach—Marriage is a holy covenant established by God.
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- A contract is based on mutual DISTRUST.
 - A covenant is based on mutual COMMITMENT.

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure ..."- Hebrews 13:4 NIV

"If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself."- 2 Timothy 2:13 NIV