

# Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

## A Powerful Redeemer

Isaiah 54:4-8 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. <sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. <sup>7</sup>For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup>In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.”

A picture of **broken marriage**: God and Israel

Some lessons:

Your story is not over. Your \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have to determine your \_\_\_\_\_.

As hard as it may be to imagine now, \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord is ever \_\_\_\_\_.

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The Lord understands \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ and unwavering in His \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

God is always working for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What we already know about marriage:

Fears for those whose marriages have failed:

Fears for the church as we react and respond:

To the **individual** affected:

I'll never be truly free without \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

If I've divorced my spouse for an unbiblical cause, I should not \_\_\_\_\_ by getting remarried.

If I've already remarried (after unbiblical divorce), \_\_\_\_\_ and commit to \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of my life.

If it's still possible\*, don't give up trying for \_\_\_\_\_.

If all efforts to restore what was broken have failed ...

Revisit the \_\_\_\_\_

Accept God's \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the loss. \_\_\_\_\_ the pain. Then, wash your face, \_\_\_\_\_ God, and embrace the life He's given you. (Piper)

To the **church**:

Uphold the \_\_\_\_\_ and offer \_\_\_\_\_. These are not mutually exclusive.

Know that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ don't equal condoning.

Bear each other's \_\_\_\_\_ reach out to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Apply the same \_\_\_\_\_ to all people and all sin.

This week, I'm going to ...