

**When The Vow Breaks**  
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**Matthew 19:1-15; 5:31-32; Genesis 2:24**  
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- God's original **pattern** – Matthew 19:4-6
  - God made **man**
    - Genesis 1:27 - *"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*
  - God made **marriage**
    - Genesis 2:24a – *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife... "*
  - God made it **permanent**
    - Genesis 2:24b – *"and they shall become one flesh."*
    - Also Malachi 2:14-15a
  
- Man's continual **problem** – Matthew 19:3,7
  - His mind is **clouded** – verse 4
    - He hasn't read
  - His heart is **hard** – verse 8
    - He hasn't understood - Deuteronomy 24 1:5
  - His culture is **corrupt** – verse 3, 8
    - He looks for loopholes
  
- God's gracious **provision** – Matthew 19:8-9
  - Divorce is not just dismissal it is like **death** – Deuteronomy 22:22
  - Divorce is not the **first option** it is the **last resort** – verse 8 (*it is permitted not commanded*)
  - Divorce is not the best **option** (Remember King David and King Solomon)
  - Divorce is not for any reason but **only one reason** – Matthew 19:9 (Mark 10:11; Luke 16:18)
  
- God's precious **purpose** – Matthew 19:13-15
  - What about **children?**
  - What about God's **plan?**
    - Malachi 2:15 – *"But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth."*

Remember: God's Grace – "where sin abounded grace abounded much more"!