

## I Do....

Matthew 5:31-32

Destroy a marriage, you destroy a family... Destroy a family, you destroy a community...  
Destroy a community, you destroy a society... Destroy a society, you destroy a nation!

*Matthew 5:31-32 (NKJ)*

“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

*Deuteronomy 24:1*

“When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house.”

- Marriage is sacred!
- Marriage is sacrificial!

*I Corinthians 7:12-13*

“Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a Christian man has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her.<sup>13</sup> And if a Christian woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him.”

*Ephesians 5:21-28*

“**submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ.<sup>22</sup> For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.<sup>23</sup> For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.<sup>24</sup> As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her<sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.<sup>27</sup> He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.<sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.”

Marriage can be defined as a sacred, sacrificial relationship ordained by the hand of God.