

Jesus says...

WEEK 4 | FAITHFULNESS | MATTHEW 5:27-37

Inspection – “What does it say?”

According to verse 28, what precedes the act of adultery?

Where did Jesus say the whole body could be thrown? (verse 30)

What is the exception when it comes to divorce? (verse 32)

Read verse 32. What are two effects that divorce can have on someone?

What sin is verse 37 trying to prevent from happening?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

How are love, vows, and oaths connected in these Scriptures?

How has adultery and divorce affected our world?

For what reason was a certificate of divorce given?

Is what Jesus said in verse 29 concerning losing a member of your body a hyperbole?

In what way did Jesus abolish the Law and also fulfill the Law?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Consider what safeguards you have in place to protect your commitments.

Read Ephesians 5:3 and consider how it should be applied to your life.

Write a note of encouragement to someone struggling in their marriage.

Meditate on God’s promise to forgive you of all your sin and give Him thanks.

Think of some of the promises you have made to others and keep those promises.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

Matthew 25:21

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Timothy 2:13

Revelation 2:10

1 Corinthians 4:2

1 John 1:9

Deuteronomy 7:9

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Isaiah 57:1-13

The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart;
The devout are taken away, and no one understands
That the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.
Those who walk uprightly enter into peace;
They find rest as they lie in death.
But you—come here, you children of a sorceress,
You offspring of adulterers and prostitutes!
Who are you mocking? At whom do you sneer and stick out your tongue?
Are you not a brood of rebels, the offspring of liars?
You burn with lust among the oaks and under every spreading tree;
You sacrifice your children in the ravines and under the overhanging crags.
The idols among the smooth stones of the ravines are your portion; indeed, they are your lot.
Yes, to them you have poured out drink offerings and offered grain offerings.
In view of all this, should I relent?
You have made your bed on a high and lofty hill; there you went up to offer your sacrifices.
Behind your doors and your doorposts you have put your pagan symbols.
Forsaking Me, you uncovered your bed, you climbed into it and opened it wide;
You made a pact with those whose beds you love, and you looked with lust on their naked bodies.
You went to Molech with olive oil and increased your perfumes.
You sent your ambassadors far away; you descended to the very realm of the dead!
You wearied yourself by such going about, but you would not say, “It is hopeless.”
You found renewal of your strength, and so you did not faint.
Whom have you so dreaded and feared that you have not been true to Me,
And have neither remembered Me nor taken this to heart?
Is it not because I have long been silent that you do not fear Me?
I will expose your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you.
When you cry out for help, let your collection of idols save you!
The wind will carry all of them off, a mere breath will blow them away.
But whoever takes refuge in Me will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain.

Amen