



MARRIAGE AND KINGDOM HUMILITY

MARK 10:1-16

MARKED AS
DISCIPLES

MARK 10:1-12

AND HE LEFT THERE AND WENT TO THE REGION OF JUDEA AND BEYOND THE JORDAN, AND CROWDS GATHERED TO HIM AGAIN.

AND AGAIN, AS WAS HIS CUSTOM, HE TAUGHT THEM.

² AND PHARISEES CAME UP AND IN ORDER TO TEST HIM ASKED,
"IS IT LAWFUL FOR A MAN TO DIVORCE HIS WIFE?"

³ HE ANSWERED THEM, "WHAT DID MOSES COMMAND YOU?"

⁴ THEY SAID, "MOSES ALLOWED A MAN TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE
OF DIVORCE AND TO SEND HER AWAY."



MARK 10:1-12

⁵ AND JESUS SAID TO THEM, "BECAUSE OF YOUR HARDNESS OF HEART HE WROTE YOU THIS COMMANDMENT. ⁶ BUT FROM THE BEGINNING OF CREATION, 'GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.' ⁷ 'THEREFORE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND HOLD FAST TO HIS WIFE, ⁸ AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.' SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE FLESH. ⁹ WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN SEPARATE."



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MARRIAGE IN THE TIMES OF JESUS:

1. Marriages were arranged by parents.
2. Dowries were involved.
3. Betrothal was binding via Ketubah.
4. Faithfulness was demanded of the wife.
5. Divorce was possible/permitted.
6. In 1st century, divorce became easier.
7. If divorced, the wife kept her dowry.
8. Polygamy was permitted.

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THREE STAGES OF A MARRIAGE IN THE BIBLE:

STAGE 1: signing the "ketubbah" legal contract.

STAGE 2: The "chuppah": sexual consummation.

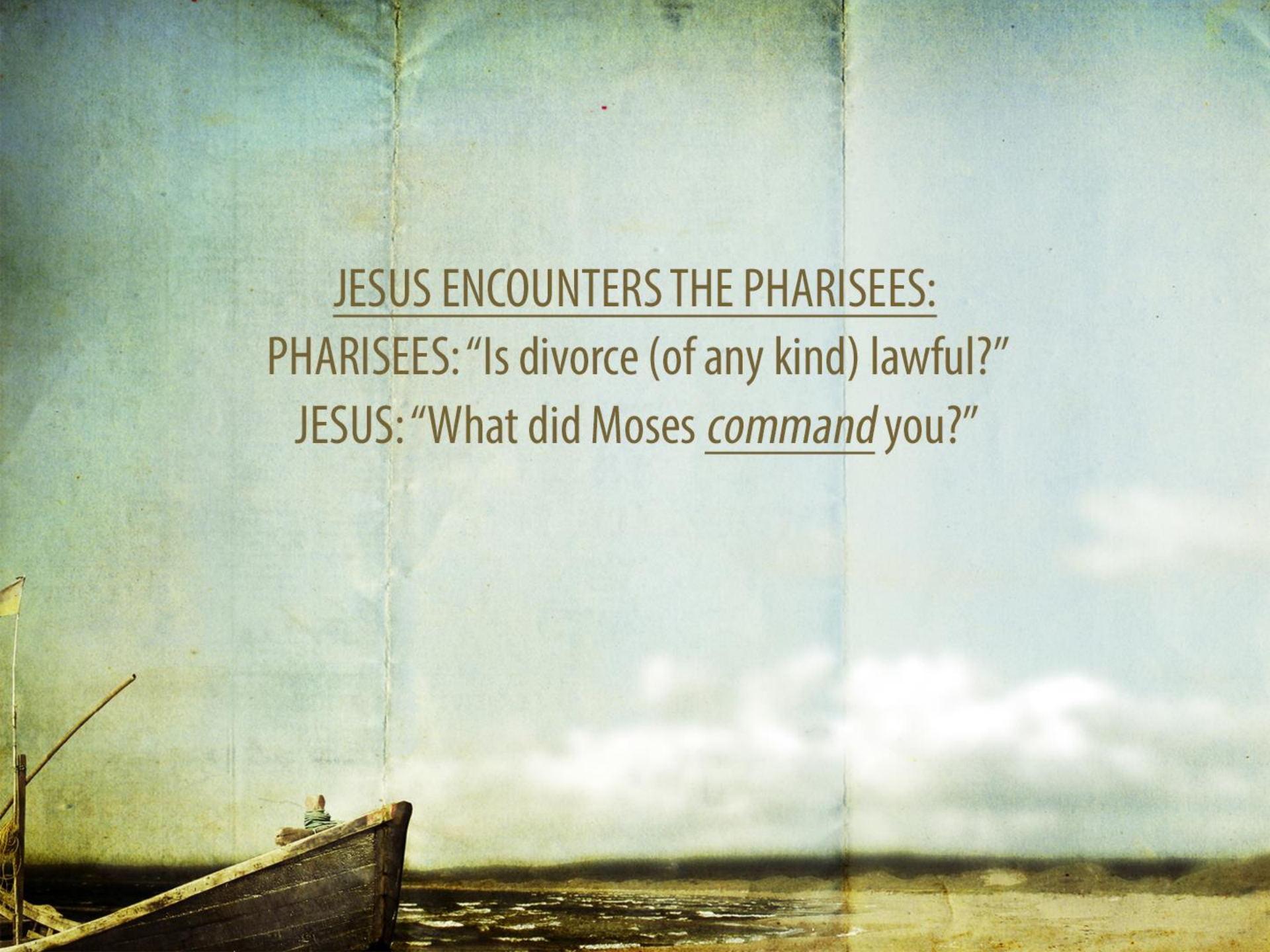
STAGE 3: The wedding feast.

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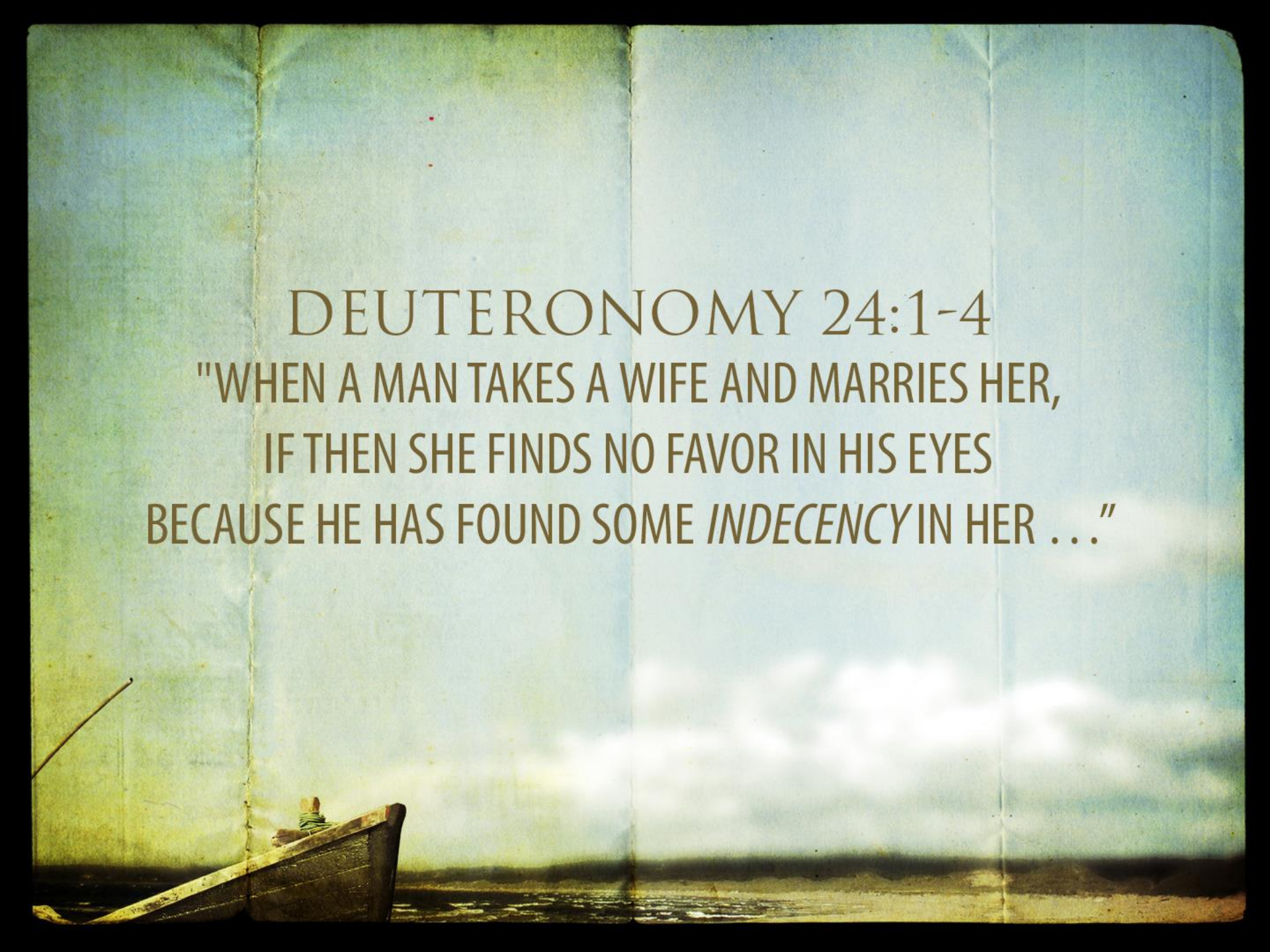


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DEUTERONOMY 24:1-4
"WHEN A MAN TAKES A WIFE AND MARRIES HER,
IF THEN SHE FINDS NO FAVOR IN HIS EYES
BECAUSE HE HAS FOUND SOME *INDECENCY* IN HER ..."



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JESUS: "AND WHAT DOES GOD SAY?"

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MARK 10:7-9

“THEREFORE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER
AND HOLD FAST TO HIS WIFE, ⁸ AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE
FLESH. SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE FLESH.

⁹ WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER,
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MARK 10:10-12

AND IN THE HOUSE THE DISCIPLES ASKED HIM AGAIN ABOUT THIS
MATTER. ¹¹ AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE
AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY AGAINST HER,
¹² AND IF SHE DIVORCES HER HUSBAND AND MARRIES ANOTHER,
SHE COMMITS ADULTERY."

IF MANY ROMAN CATHOLICS HAVE OVERLY EXALTED CELIBACY
AS AN IDEAL, MOST PROTESTANTS HAVE DRASTICALLY
UNDervalUED IT. . . . IN A SOCIETY THAT CONSTANTLY PRESSURES
PEOPLE INTO HASTY MARRIAGES, THE CHURCH DESPERATELY
NEEDS TO ENCOURAGE ALL WHO SENSE GOD LEADING THEM TO
REMAIN SINGLE, FOR HOWEVER LONG OR SHORT A PERIOD OF
TIME, TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIS GUIDANCE."

— C. BLOMBERG, MATTHEW (NAC, 1992), 294



MALACHI 2:16

^{NJB} MALACHI 2:16 FOR I HATE DIVORCE, SAYS YAHWEH,
GOD OF ISRAEL, AND PEOPLE CONCEALING THEIR CRUELTY
UNDER A CLOAK, SAYS YAHWEH SABAOth. HAVE RESPECT FOR
YOUR OWN LIFE THEN, AND DO NOT BREAK FAITH.

^{ESV} MALACHI 2:16 "FOR THE MAN WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS WIFE
BUT DIVORCES HER, SAYS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, COVERS
HIS GARMENT WITH VIOLENCE, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS.
SO GUARD YOURSELVES IN YOUR SPIRIT, AND DO NOT BE FAITHLESS."





WHAT WAS JESUS DOING / SAYING HERE?

1. Honor marriage and each marriage partner!
2. Stop looking for rules to justify sinful lives.

MARK 10:13-16

AND THEY WERE BRINGING CHILDREN TO HIM THAT HE MIGHT TOUCH THEM, AND THE DISCIPLES REBUKED THEM. ¹⁴ BUT WHEN JESUS SAW IT, HE WAS INDIGNANT AND SAID TO THEM, "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME; DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ¹⁵ TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A CHILD SHALL NOT ENTER IT." ¹⁶ AND HE TOOK THEM IN HIS ARMS AND BLESSED THEM, LAYING HIS HANDS ON THEM.





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