

Series: Rebuilding

Title: Rebuilding a Marriage

Text: Ezekiel 34:16

The Lies People Believe About Marriage:

LIE #1 "My happiness is the most important thing about my marriage."

- Happiness is not the purpose of marriage. (Col 3:17)
- Marriage does not guarantee happiness. (James 1:17)
- God has promised to provide everything I need. (Phil 4:19)
- Those who wait on the Lord always get His best. (Ps 37:4)

Lie #2: "If I don't love my spouse any longer, I should get a divorce."

- Love is a choice, (Deut 7:7-8)(1 Cor 13:4-8)(Rom 5:5)

Lie #3: "My spouse & I are incompatible."

- If I expect to be served.: (Mk 10:43b-45)
- A distinctive calling to be a "helper": (Genesis 2:18)
- We are like Jesus when we serve others. (Jn 13:5)

LIE #4: It's my job to change my mate.

- A godly life & prayer: 2 great influences: (James 5:16)

Lie #5: "I married the wrong person."

(Rom 8:28)(Rom 12:1)(Phil 2:13)(1 Cor 13:7)(Prov 16:7)

LIE #6 Submission Leads to Misery

We picture God's relationship with the church. (Eph5:21-25)

- A wife entrusts herself to the Living God: (Prov 21:1)
- A wife's submission: a powerful influence: (1 Pet 3:3-6)

LIE #8: Takeing the Initiative for a passive husband.

- If a woman jumps in to take the reins,
(Genesis 16:1-2) Sara, Abraham, Hagar (Psalm 27:14)

Lie #9: "My private immorality does not affect my marriage."

Oneness in marriage is hijacked by sexual immorality.
(1 Cor 6:15)

There are many ways to join oneself with a prostitute:
(Matt 5:27-18)(1 Cor 6:18) "*Flee fornication.*"

Lies People Believe About Sex & Sexuality:

LIE #10: I can't talk to anyone about it:

- Within Marriage, Any Biblical Healthy sex & sexuality is free of shame. (Gen 2:25)(Heb 13:4)(1 Jn 2:1)(Rom 8:1)
- Shame is Satan's tool to drive you from God: (Gen 3:10)
- God designed the Church to bring healing: (James 5:16)
- Your sexual past & current temptations do not define you. The cross of Christ is our Identity. (1 Cor 6:9-12*)

LIE #11: My sexuality is separate from my spirituality.

- 2 biological sexes to reflect His image: (Gen 1:26-27)
- Marriage & sexual intimacy reflect the oneness of God (Gen 2:24)
- Marriage & sex are a picture of the gospel. (Eph 5:31-32)

LIE #12 This is Who I Am

- Feelings are not facts. (Jer 17:9)(1 John 3:20)
- My identity is as an image bearer of God. (Gen 1:26-27)
- My identity = my Sexuality denies my purpose to glorify God. (Romans 1:20b-23)

LIE #13: God's Standards for Sex are Out of Date.

• God's standards were never "in style."
(Gen 19:5; 38:22; Lev 18; 1 Cor 6:9)

• Sexual integrity is when my sexual choices are a consistent expression of my relational & spiritual commitments to God.
(Eph 5:3)

• God does not want me to engage in any form of sex outside of marriage. (Lev 18:22; 1 Cor 6:9; 7:2; 1 Thes 4:3)

LIE #14: I Have to have an Outlet For My Sexual Desire

• My longing for intimacy is legitimate. (Genesis 4:1)
• My longing for sexual expression can be a snare. (Gal 5:1)

• I can live w/o a sex, but not w/o the love of God. (Prov 19:22)

• Personal holiness is more important than any temporal pleasure (Eph. 5:26-27).

Lie #15: "My spouse's sin is so bad that I need to get a divorce."

The truth is God can fix any & of our failures. (Joel 2:25)

Lie #16: "Breaking the marriage covenant won't hurt me or my children."

LIE #17: There's No Hope for My Marriage fixed."

(Mat 19:26) "*but with God all things are possible*"

We must combat the lies about marriage. (John 8:32)

• Marriage is a lifelong covenant that is intended to reflect the covenant-keeping heart of God. (Gen 2:18-24*)

(Ecc 5:4-6) God hates the Breaking of Vows
(Mal 2:13-16) God "*hateth putting away*"
(Mark 10:2-12)

• There is no marriage God cannot heal.
(Matt 5:44; 18:21-22; Mk 11:25)

• God uses the rough edges of each partner in a marriage to conform the other to the image of Christ. (Eph 5:28-30)

• God's grace is sufficient to enable any person to be faithful to their spouse and to persevere in extending Christlike love and forgiveness. (2 Cor 12:9)

God can Rebuild Any Marriage!

3 Questions

1. Do you want your marriage to be fixed?
2. Are you both willing to do what it takes?
3. Are you going to let the Bible Be your final Authority on this Matter, not your feelings?