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"JESUS, YOU, AND I DO"
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MATTHEW 19:3-12 NASB

INSIGHT: This is a great series to BY1 to. (bring your one)

INSIGHT: Kathryn and I learned in counseling that the greatest pain in the average person's life was relational pain.

INSIGHT ON SEX AND ROMANCE: If you don't respect and understand the power of sex and romance on your life and the lives of those you date... you will do great harm both to you and them.

I. JESUS ON MARRIAGE

INSIGHT: We'll never understand God's view of divorce till we understand His view of marriage.

1. Marriage is a covenant.

TRUTH: Marriage technically is a public vow of faithfulness.

INSIGHT: Without faithfulness, there is no marriage.

INSIGHT: Vows of present love don't make a covenant but rather your promises to love for the future.

MATTHEW 19:6 TRUTH: For God marriage is the fusion of two lives into one.

INSIGHT: Marriage and marital sex is a fusion of the souls of a man and a woman by God's design; you can't keep that from happening, and in a divorce, souls get ripped.

2. Marriage is a friendship.

TRUTH: Marriage meets the need for companionship (Matthew 19:5).

INSIGHT: God made woman in answer to a problem (Genesis 2:18).

INSIGHT: Not good for man to be alone was pre-fall.

TRUTH: The ache of loneliness is the one ache we have that does not arise from sin.

TRUTH: Friendship/companionship is the purpose of marriage.

INSIGHT: If friendship is the purpose of marriage, that has massive implications for dating.

TRUTH: Friendship ought to be the basis of dating.

INSIGHT: Friendship dating is why believers should never date or marry a non-Christian.

II. JESUS ON DIVORCE, Matthew 19:6

INSIGHT: Marriage is a covenant instituted by God to #1: demonstrate His love, #2: to fuse two souls, and #3: therefore, divorce should never be an option.

INSIGHT: Biblical commands expressed God's desire, His heart on an issue; concessions were God's allowances in a world of fallen, sinful people at varying levels of spiritual maturity.

INSIGHT: Two schools of thought in Jesus' day on divorce:

1. Conservative, Rabbi Shammai: "divorce only in cases of sexual indecency."
2. Liberal, Rabbi Hillel, "indecency meant anything you didn't like about your wife."

QUESTION: Why did Jesus say, "Except for adultery"?

TRUTH: Biblically, there are events that can destroy a marriage covenant... death of a spouse, departure of an unbelieving spouse, adultery, abandonment, and abuse (1 Corinthians 7).

TRUTH: Divorce isn't an unforgivable sin.