

Victorious Secret • WEEK 3
"How A Marriage Can Get Dysfunctional"
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Matthew 5:31 & 32- It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce. But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."

Oaths

V. 33-37- Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

3 THINGS TO REMEMBER OR ELSE YOUR MARRIAGE WILL GET DYSFUNCTIONAL:

1. WE NEED TO _____!

Malachi 2:13-17- Here is another thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because he pays no attention to your offerings and doesn't accept them with pleasure. You cry out, "Why doesn't the Lord accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the Lord witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows. Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. "For I hate divorce!" says the Lord, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."

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2. WE NEED TO _____!

5 Reasons People Give to Try and Justify Divorce:

• **He/ She is Not a _____.**

1 Peter 3:1-4- In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives. Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

• **I Just Do Not _____.**

1 Peter 3:7- In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

• **They Are Not Meeting My _____.**

• **We Are Just So _____.**

• **God Wants Me _____.**

3. WE NEED TO _____!

Nehemiah 4:14- Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!"

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP PLAYLIST

1. SING, SING, SING 2. OPEN SKIES
3. HALLELUJAH 4. INSIDE OUT 5. TAKE YOU BACK

NEXT SUNDAY- "THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX- PART 1"