

Disciples & Divorce

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Big Question: How should followers of Jesus think about divorce?

- **Those opposed to God often operate through division (v1-4)**
 - Are you in the school of Hillel or Shammai?
 - Deuteronomy 24

- **Remember, it's always easier to be hard than soft (v5)**
 - Unyielding frame of mind; stubborn
 - Adopt a way of thinking and never change
 - Wrestling with the deeper questions
 - Love God
 - Love others
 - Make disciples

- **Efforts to divide can often be defeated by appealing to original design (v6-9)**
 - Gender - Genesis 1:27
 - Marriage - Genesis 2:18-25
 - Jesus stayed out of the weeds caused by the hard human heart

- **Disciples of Jesus labor to uphold God's original and beautiful design (v10-12)**
 - Jesus and "drive-by teaching"
 - The mercy embedded in His teaching

SUMMARY:

The disciple of Jesus Christ promotes God's original design for marriage with a heart sensitive to God's overall design.

APPLICATION:

- When you get into a discussion with someone over a sensitive topic, try to invoke original design.
- Cultivate a soft heart
 - Be humble
 - Study the Word
 - Don't judge from a distance
 - Wrestle with with the deeper questions