

What to Do When the “D” Thing Happens

What to Do When Life Isn't Perfect

Message #3: 1 & 2 Samuel

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Malachi 2:16 - *“I hate divorce,”*
says the Lord God of Israel,
“and I hate a man’s covering
himself with violence as well as
with his garment,” **says the**
Lord Almighty. So guard

***yourself in your spirit, and do
not break faith.***

1. Understand that a marriage that doesn't start right is in danger from day one.

**1 Samuel 18:20–27 (HCSB) -
*Now Saul's daughter Michal
loved David, and when it was
reported to Saul, it pleased
him. ²¹“I'll give her to him,”
Saul thought. “She'll be a trap
for him, and the hand of the***

Philistines will be against him.”

So Saul said to David a second time, “You can now be my son-in-law.”

²²Saul then ordered his servants, “Speak to David in private and tell him, ‘Look, the

king is pleased with you, and all his servants love you. Therefore, you should become the king's son-in-law.'"

²³Saul's servants reported these words directly to David, but he replied, "Is it trivial in

your sight to become the king's son-in-law? I am a poor man who is common.”

²⁴The servants reported back to Saul, “These are the words David spoke.”

25 Then Saul replied, “Say this to David: ‘The king desires no other bride-price except 100 Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’ ”

Actually, Saul intended to cause David’s death at the

hands of the Philistines.

²⁶When the servants reported these terms to David, he was pleased to become the king's son-in-law. Before the wedding day arrived, ²⁷David and his men went out and killed 200

Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented them as full payment to the king to become his son-in-law. Then Saul gave his daughter Michal to David as his wife.

**2. Do a thorough
baggage inspection
before you say, “I do.”**

**3. Even though it's
painful, identify &
evaluate the reasons
for the divorce.**

1 Samuel 25:44 (HCSB) –

But Saul gave his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Palti son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

2 Samuel 3:13–16 (HCSB) -
David replied [to Abner],
“Good, I will make a covenant
with you. However, there’s one
thing I require of you: Do not
appear before me unless you
bring Saul’s daughter Michal

here when you come to see me.”

¹⁴Then David sent messengers to say to Ish-bosheth son of Saul, “Give me back my wife, Michal. I was engaged to her for the price of 100 Philistine

foreskins.”

¹⁵So Ish-bosheth sent someone to take her away from her husband, Paltiel son of Laish.

¹⁶Her husband followed her, weeping all the way to Bahurim. Abner said to him,

“Go back.” So he went back.

Biblical grounds for divorce:

Adultery

Matthew 5:32 (HCSB) - *But I tell you, everyone who divorces his wife, except in a case of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

Matthew 19:9 (HCSB) – “*And I tell you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.*”

Biblical grounds for divorce:

Desertion

1 Corinthians 7:12–13, 15 (HCSB) - *But I (not the Lord) say to the rest: If any brother has an unbelieving wife and she is willing to live with him, he must not leave her. ¹³Also, if any woman has an*

unbelieving husband and he is willing to live with her, she must not leave her husband. ... ¹⁵But if the unbeliever leaves, let him leave. A brother or a sister is not bound in such cases. God has called you to live in peace.

Exodus 21:10–11 (HCSB) - *If he takes an additional wife, he must not reduce the food, clothing, or marital rights of the first wife. ¹¹And if he does not do these three things for her, she may leave free of charge, without any exchange of money.*

1 John 2:1–2 (HCSB) - *My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous One. ²He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.*

**4. Reject bitterness as
if it were a disease.
Because it is.**

2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23 (HCSB) -
As the ark of the LORD was
entering the city of David,
Saul's daughter Michal looked
down from the window and saw
King David leaping and
dancing before the LORD, and

she despised him in her heart.

²⁰When David returned home to bless his household, Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet him. "How the king of Israel honored himself today!" she said. "He exposed himself

today in the sight of the slave girls of his subjects like a vulgar person would expose himself.”

²¹David replied to Michal, “I was dancing before the LORD who chose me over your father

***and his whole family to appoint
me ruler over the LORD's people
Israel. I will celebrate before
the LORD, ²²and I will humble
myself even more and
humiliate myself. I will be
honored by the slave girls you***

spoke about.”²³ And Saul’s daughter Michal had no child to the day of her death.

Hebrews 12:15 (HCSB) - *Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and by it, defiling many.*

Matthew 18:21–22 (HCSB) -
Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

22 “I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus said to him, “but 70 times seven.

Luke 17:3–4 (HCSB) – *“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”*

5. Even if the marriage is irrecoverable, you decide to live in a Christlike manner.

2 Samuel 6: 23 (HCSB) - *And Saul's daughter Michal had no child to the day of her death.*

Hebrews 12:14 (HCSB) - *Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness —without it no one will see the Lord.*

Hebrews 12:12–13 (HCSB) -
Therefore strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees,
¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.