



## **ADULTERY, DIVORCE AND YOUR WORD**

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As we continue to look at the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, The Sermon on The Mount, Jesus once again raises the bar. Today we look at Matthew 5:27-37 where Jesus challenges us to be faithful in our minds, hearts and relationships.

**BIG IDEA: Be faithful in your relationships.**

**READ Matthew 5:27-28:** The Old Testament Laws said it was wrong for a person to have sex with someone other than his or her spouse (Exodus 20:14). But Jesus raises the bar by saying that the *desire* to have sex with someone other than our spouse is mental adultery. What are some of the problems that can happen to a marriage if we are faithful with our body, but not with our mind?

### **1. Guard your heart.**

- **READ Proverbs 4:23 and Psalm 119:9:** Why do we need to guard our hearts *above all else*? Can we do it on our own? Why?

**READ Matthew 5:29-30:** When Jesus said to get rid of your hand or eye, He was speaking figuratively, but if it were your only choice, it would be better to go to heaven with only one hand or one eye! We may need to take extreme measures to guard our hearts.

- **READ Hebrews 12:1:** What are some practical ways you can guard your heart?

### **2. Protect your eyes.**

- **READ Matthew 6:22-23:** Spiritual vision is our ability to see the world through God's point of view. But we can easily cloud our view with the world's point of view. **READ Job 31:1:** What are some covenants that you may need to make in order to protect your eyes?

### **3. Honor your marriage.**

**READ Matthew 5:31-32:** Divorce was addressed by God in order to protect women in the first century (Deuteronomy 24:1). But Jesus is raising the bar by attacking those who purposely abused the marriage contract, using divorce to satisfy their lustful desire to marry someone else.

- **READ Malachi 2:15-16:** What habit or problem is hurting your relationship that you need to stop?
- What are some ways you can honor your marriage?

### **4. Keep your word.**

**READ Matthew 5:33-37:** Truthfulness seems so rare that we feel we must end our statements with “I promise” or “I swear to God.” If we tell the truth all the time, we will have less pressure to back up our words with an oath or promise. Are you known as a person of your word?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTION:**

What do you need to SEVER from your life?

**COMMIT TO MEMORY:** Matthew 5:37