

**FTDF: Never Give Up!**  
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**Disclaimer:** Many who are divorced today did not “choose” it. Like Pastor Dan’s mom, divorce was “given” based on an affair his father had.

For the spouse who is currently being cheated on, experiencing spousal abuse or children are in danger due to spousal addictions etc. – this sermon is not directed at you. Please contact the pastoral staff or church leadership for prayer, counsel and next steps.

While we believe that the Word of God is sharper than any two edged sword (Heb 4:12) and that Jesus always provides direction and guidance in all relationships – the purpose of this sermon is to encourage those who are currently married and experiencing common pain from fighting, quarrels, arguments and selfishness that surface within the marriage relationship.

**Before You Give Up On Your Marriage, Consider...**

- 1) Impact it will have on your kids.
- 2) Custody Battles for Children.
- 3) Loss of Extended Family & Friends.
- 4) Financial Expense of Divorce.
- 5) “Next” Marriages Are *Often* More Difficult.

**FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, I WON’T GIVE UP BECAUSE...**

- **God Hates Divorce.**

*For I hate divorce,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “and him who covers his garment with wrong,” says the LORD of hosts. “So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.”*

Malachi 2:16 NASB

- **A Marital Union and Bond Are Special.**

*<sup>4</sup> “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’<sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” <sup>7</sup> “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” <sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.*

Matthew 19:7-8

- **Marital Reaping and Sowing.**

*<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we **do not give up**.*

Galatians 6:7-9