

## **Family Chat**

### **Part 4 - Taking Your Marriage Seriously**

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***“They may be arguing, but they are also laughing and teasing and there are signs of affection because they have made emotional connections.”***

***– Dr. John Gottman***

<https://www.gottman.com/blog/the-magic-relationship-ratio-according-science/>

***Malachi 2:14-16 (NLT) 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. 15 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. 16 “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.”***

#### **1. AVOID \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIAGES**

***Malachi 2:10-11 (NLT) Are we not all children of the same Father? Are we not all created by the same God? Then why do we betray each other, violating the covenant of our ancestors? 11 Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the LORD’s beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols.***

***2 Corinthians 6:14 (NASB) Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?***

#### **2. IT SHOULD MEAN \_\_\_\_\_**

***Malachi 2:12-13 (NLT) May the LORD cut off from the nation of Israel every last man who has done this and yet brings an offering to the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. 13 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.***

#### **3. GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_**

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#### **GOD HATES DIVORCE NOT DIVORCED PEOPLE**

**God hates divorce because:**

- 1. It \_\_\_\_\_ faith with a promise made.**
- 2. God hates divorce because it leaves deep \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 3. God hates divorce because a marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ example of a great spiritual reality.**

#### **Take Your Marriage Seriously but not Yourselves**

- 1. Participate in Activities your Spouse Enjoys.**
- 2. Don’t Miss the Fun-damentals.**
- 3. When You See a Need Take the Lead.**

ANSWERS: 1. Missionary 2. Something 3. Priority

GOD HATES DIVORCE BECAUSE ANSWERS: 1. Breaks 2. Wounds 3. Living