



“Abandonment”

To Leave or Not to Leave
I Corinthians 7:10-16

For those who are:

I. Married – “unto the married I command” (vs. 10-11)

They are to:

- A. **Re**_____ – “Let not the wife depart”
- B. **Re**_____ - “let her be reconciled to her husband”
- C. **Re**_____ – “let not the husband put her away”

II. Mixed – “If a brother has a wife that believes not” (vs. 12-14)

They are to:

- A. **Int**_____ – “she be pleased to dwell with him”
- B. **Inf**_____ – “unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife”
- C. **Ins**_____ – “your children...now are they holy”

III. Missing – “But if the unbelieving depart” (vs. 15-16)

There is no:

- A. **C**_____ – “a brother...sister is not under bondage”
- B. **Ca**_____ – “God has called us to peace”
- C. **Cau**_____ – “whether thou shalt save thy husband”

Sentence Sermon:

***“The health of the marriage impacts
the couple, children, church, and community.”***

Additional Verses

- ***Ezra 10:11***
- ***I Corinthians 7:39; 10:13***
- ***I Peter 3:1-6***
- ***II Corinthians 6:14***
- ***Romans 12:18***
- ***Mark 10:9***
- ***Ephesians 4:32; 5:25***
- ***Malachi 2:14-16***
- ***I Timothy 4:5***
- ***Romans 5:1; 12:18***
- ***Mark 10:2-12***
- ***Matthew 5:32***
- ***Genesis 39:5***

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why does Paul clarify that the text is from the Lord or not?
4. Why do you think the wife leaving is mentioned first?
5. Why would a wife “depart from her husband?”
6. What does it tell you about an unbelieving wife who is willing to stay?
7. Why does the passage not consider the husband “departing?”
8. Discuss how many people are affected by the survival of the marriage?
9. What does it mean that the children could be unclean?
10. How does a calling to peace complicate a mixed marriage?
11. Why is it not guaranteed that a spouse will be won to the Lord?