UNFAITHFULNESS TO GOD

“If a man divorces his wife, and she goes from him and she goes from him and becomes another man’s, shall he return to her again? Shall not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to Me, says the Lord” (Jeremiah 3:1).

God saw His relationship with Israel as a marriage. The nation of Israel had become unfaithful to Him when it turned away from Him to worship and burn incense to other gods. The people had backslidden. They were bent on going after strange gods. They had turned their backs on God and only sought Him in times of trouble.

Are we guilty of doing the same? Do we turn our backs on God and only turn to Him when we are in trouble and need His help?

Yet, God is so loving and faithful, He is willing to work things out. He called Israel to repent. “I said after she had done all these things, ‘Turn to Me.’ But she did not return” (verse 7). So, He had no other choice but to put her away and give her a bill of divorce.

Is God calling you to repent of a sin that has caused you to turn your back on Him? Repent and return to Him while He still calls you to.

Editor’s Note

Summer is almost here. Have you made any plans as yet? Thinking of going on a family trip or putting your children in summer camp? Whatever you decide to do, I wish you a safe and fun summer.

June is the month when we celebrate the men in our lives. We wish all fathers and grandfathers a Happy Father’s Day. Ladies, let us take the time to show our husbands how much we love and appreciate them. Let us make Father’s Day an unforgettable day for them.

A. Butler
Jana Dukereh, a survivor of Female Genital Mutilation still suffering from the physical and emotional scars and a mother of a girl, cannot stand by and watch other young girls in America be subjected to this horrific procedure. She is joining Equality Now in a bid to get the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to reverse new guidelines which allows for vaginal cosmetic surgery, a form of FGM to be performed on underage girls.


Join the fight to protect girls from FGM.
In the Spotlight

She was the pretty blonde in Where the Boys Are. In five years she made ten films, starring opposite Stephen Boyd, Montgomery Clift, George Hamilton and Robert Wagner following her debut film, Loving You with Elvis Presley. The two teamed up again for King Creole. By the early 1960s, Dolores was an established leading lady. So, how did she go from kissing Elvis Presley to becoming a nun?

"It was not a lifelong dream. I did not grow up wanting to be a nun. I wanted to be an actress. If it had ever been suggested I would one day be a nun, it would have been the last thing on my mind. It was a million to one shot I would ever be a nun."

It was when she was working on the film, Francis of Assisi in Rome, she met Pope John XXIII was instrumental in her vocation. At the age of 24, Dolores left the film industry to answer the call she had been struggling with.

After 43 years in the monastery, Dolores visited Hollywood to raise awareness for idiopathic peripheral neuropathy disorder, a neurological disorder that afflicts her and many Americans. In April 2006 she testified at Washington congressional hearing on the need for research on the painful and crippling.

Although she left Hollywood to serve God, she still has a connection to the place. "I never felt I was 'walking away from Hollywood'. I felt I was walking into something more significant and by that, I took Hollywood with me."

Sources: Wikipedia, IMDB

RELATIONSHIPS

SPOUSAL ABUSE

It’s hard to believe that Christian women are in abusive marriages but it is true.

"Bible verses are often used to justify domestic abuse, such as those that refer to male superiority and female submission" (Wikipedia).

While it is true that wives are called to submit to their husbands, this in no way should be used to perpetuate spousal abuse.

The Bible clearly teaches that a man is to love his wife as himself. And the relationship between a husband and wife is likened to that of Christ and the church. A wife is to submit to Christ, the Head of the church as she does to her husband, the head of their home (Ephesians 5:22-33). It is to be a loving relationship based on trust, commitment and respect. No one should ever think that the Bible condones abuse of any kind.

What should a woman in an abusive relationship do? Should she follow the advice of some pastors to "continue to submit and to trust that God would honor her action either by stopping the abuse or giving her the strength to endure it?" Is abuse a legitimate reason for a woman to leave her husband or separate from him? Would God want her to stay in a relationship that is unhealthy and potentially dangerous? Abuse can lead to death. What role should the church play, especially if women don't come forward but continue to suffer in silence?

Save the Date!
Surprised by God’s Love

Women’s Ministries Retreat
September 2-4, 2016
Nottawasaga Inn, Barrie
Speaker, Elizabeth Talbot

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