

THE WAY OF JESUS

Genesis 2:18-25 | Hebrews 2:1-13 | Mark 10:2-16

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READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Many people have learned to read this text as a moral document – a word that condemns divorce and champions marriage. I think, if anything, I was trying to push against that. Not that I think marriages should end in divorce – I’ve never had a couple in premarital counseling that said they can’t wait to get divorced – but that the way of viewing this text a moral document that says marriage good, divorce bad, simply leaves us missing the heart of marriage, and relationships in general. Read The hymn before sermon – “O Spirit...who teachest us to find / the love from self set free / in all our hearts such love increase / that ev’ry home by this release / may be the dwelling place of peace.”

Reflect:

The famous Mr. Rodgers quote often told this story about when he was a boy and would see scary things on the news: “My mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother’s words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.”

How do we help? How do we harm? How do we know the difference?

How do we welcome? How do we reject? Who do we choose to be in which group?

Respond:

The freedom from self-love sets us free to love and support others.

Remember:

“And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 12:16