



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 10:1-12

Jesus came into the district of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds gathered around him and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

The Pharisees approached him and asked,

"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him.

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"

They replied,

"Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

But Jesus told them,

"Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate."
In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this.
He said to them,
"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another
commits adultery against her;
and if she divorces her husband and marries another,
she commits adultery."

Our Scripture Reflection

For the record: Marriage is a loving and faith filled relationship between one man and one woman for life. No further definitions are necessary. Period.

Food for your Journey

Marriage, writes Anne Morrow Lindbergh in *A Gift From the Sea*, is not one bond, but many. In time, a strong marriage grows to become a veritable web of relationships: "The web is fashioned of love. Yes, but many kinds of love: romantic love first, then a slow-growing devotion and, playing through these, a constantly rippling companionship. It is made of loyalties, and interdependencies, and shared experiences. It is woven of memories of meetings and conflicts; of triumphs and disappointments. It is a web of communication, a common language, and the acceptance of lack of language too, a knowledge of likes and dislikes, of habits and reactions, both physical and mental. It is a web of instincts and intuitions, and known and unknown exchanges. The web of marriage is made by close affiliation, in the day to day living side by side, looking outward and working outward in the same direction. It is woven in space and in time of the substance of life itself."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please bless and protect all who live Your teaching on marriage with sacrificial and unconditional love. Amen.