

Outline – February 7, 2021  
2 Samuel 11:1-5; Proverbs 6:24-28  
The Pain, Problem, Product of Adultery  
Matthew 4:1-4

**Marriage Either Gets Better Or Worse**

- I. **What happens when things get worse?**
  - A. Marriage can be difficult and painful
  - B. Marriage can/will dissolve end if the pain continues
  - C. There are no winners when a marriage ends
  - D. The most painful cause of a marital divide is adultery
  - E. Like cancer, we have all been impacted
  
- II. **How does it (adultery) happen?**
  - A. Not being where you are supposed to be
  - B. Allowing fantasy to take over your mind
    1. Flirting
    2. "Friendship"
    3. Forgetting what's important
    4. Fighting
    5. Finger pointing
  - C. Inquiring (follow up; pursuing)
  - D. Involvement
  
- III. **What does adultery do?**
  - A. It causes a problem for you
    1. The double life
    2. The fear/paranoia being discovered
    3. The shame - guilt it creates
    4. The consequences
      - a. Broken Families
      - b. Reputation
      - c. Diseases
      - d. Pregnancy
      - e. Death
  - B. It causes problems for the home and family
    1. It hurts the spouse and the children (It's not isolated)
    2. It hurts family and friends who care
  - C. It hurts the community of faith
    1. Disappoints the older
    2. Confuses the younger
    3. Gives the hostile ammo to use to further the hurt
  - D. It breaks the heart of God to see the level of pain

- E. It hurts the nation
  - 1. Immorality destroys a nation from within
  - 2. The rise and fall of nations

**IV. How does one guard against it?**

- A. Discipline
  - 1. Guard yourself
  - 2. Garbage in, garbage out
  - 3. If don't want to fall, don't walk on ice
- B. Determination
- C. Decide together
- D. Declare your devotion (daily)
  - 1. Love is a choice
- E. Develop your love
  - 1. Love is not static
  - 2. It grows or dwindles
- F. Depend on Messiah

**V. How does one recover?**

- A. Recognize – confess what has happen
  - 1. The prayer that works
  - 2. "Lord break me"
- B. Repent
  - 1. End it
  - 2. No going back
- C. Restore
  - 1. Forgive it
  - 2. Face it
  - 3. Future
- D. Repair
  - 1. The brokenness
  - 2. The areas that attributed
- E. Reinvent the relationship
  - 1. Fill each other's love tank
- F. Receive
  - 2. God's Grace
  - 3. God's Help
  - 4. God's Counsel

**Make Your Marriage  
For Better Or For Best**