

Sermon Notes  
“Don’t Leave” (Part 2)  
1 Corinthians 7:10-11

### Previous “Caveats”

1. **Opinions** abound, but God’s assertions overrule them all.
2. **Experiences** abound, but God’s word, not our experiences are the criteria for godly lives.
  - a. **Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*
  - b.
3. **Emotions** abound and we are not going to ignore the emotional impact of these instructions, but we are going trust that the application of God’s truth heals the wounds and repairs the broken emotions of devastated hearts.
  - a. **Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)** *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*
4. **Grace** abounds. God hates divorce but divorce is not the unpardonable sin.

### Additional Cornerstones for Comprehension

1. In these verses, Paul is still responding to the **original question** posed in verse 1.
  - a. **1 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> *Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”*
2. In these verses, Paul is still responding to the **committed Christians** in Corinth.
  - a. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (ESV) 1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - b. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. In these verses, Paul is still depending on the **specific instruction** of Jesus which upholds **God's purpose** for marriage.
- a. **1 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup> *To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband . . .*
  - b. **Mark 10:2-9 (ESV)** *And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*
4. In these verses, Paul is still expecting Christians to **respond with faithfulness** to the **word of God**.
- a. **Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*
  - b. **Revelation 2:5 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup> *Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

Based on the life and teachings of Jesus we expect the Christian life to be **God-honoring, Christ-exalting, Spirit-filled,** and radically **counter-cultural**.