

## CouplesInBloom.com – Forgiving Infidelity

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God assigned power to pudenda, the external human sexual components, for various reasons: **1) pleasure**: some parts of the human body have no other role than to provide sexual pleasure; **2) health**: sexual activity releases helpful chemicals within the human body; **3) reproduction**: sexual drive helps keep the plant populated; **4) spirituality**: part of marital unity involves sexuality. Understanding God's intention of this topic is important.

Mark 10:2-12 ⇨ when the Pharisees asked Jesus about divorce, Jesus asked them what the “Law” portion of the Old Testament said about it. Deuteronomy 24:1-4 ⇨ a husband can divorce his wife if he discovers her pudenda had been previously exposed (*literally translated*). It says sexual defilement is an abomination (*literally*: disgusting) to God.

They asked this to trap Jesus, **not knowing He came to heal such problems in life**. Matthew 5:17 ⇨ Jesus came to fulfill the law, not destroy it, by transferring the spiritual consequences off of us and onto Himself (i.e. propitiation ⇨ Romans 3:25; 1 John 4:10). Jesus subsequently empowered **us** to fulfill the “Law” using love as He did ⇨ James 2:8; Galatians 6:2. Let's **see how Jesus' power of love is greater than big problems in life**:

The devil has temporary permission to attack sexuality; fornication and pornography therefore exist and have power. However, the devil has **no authority over forgiveness**, resulting in wonderful truths like Isaiah 54:16-17 ⇨ ‘God allows the devil weapons but they fail against Christians.’ This failure includes attacks of infidelity against marriages.

Receiving God's forgiveness of **spiritual** infidelity is central to receiving forgiveness for **marital** infidelity... *and* for forgiving marital infidelity committed against us. In other words, **God forgiving us enables us to forgive others** ⇨ Luke 7:47. We need revelation on **the power of being 100% free from being 100% guilty**. Our spiritual condition is the best example because we were created by- and accountable to- the only Holy God.

This Holy God decided to make sexuality powerful and of vital spiritual importance; opposite to popular views in views these evil times. Realize **also** that this intensity speaks of the **incredible positive potential for marital intimacy**. There is hope for you.

God never withdraws His gift of giving us a free will ⇨ Romans 11:29. Forgiveness is a choice God empowers with subsequent healing. Embracing **God's** forgiveness gives us supernatural ability to forgive **others**— **the incredible power to be free** from the sins of others against us, including marital infidelity. It is also allows entrance into blessings that **exceed** the previous pain ⇨ Romans 5:20-21. **This** is the supernatural part and it is great!

The word “divorce” in Deuteronomy 24 means to cut asunder (into pieces). When the Pharisees quoted that Scripture, Jesus replied by saying to **not** cut marriage asunder. He explained that the “Law” *allowed* divorce due to hard-heartedness ⇨ Mark 10:5 and that hard-heartedness to the point of marital infidelity ‘*allows*’ divorce ⇨ Matthew 5:32, **but God is ready with power to heal marriages, and to forgive and redeem infidelity**.

If you are considering divorce or are struggling with marital infidelity, we suggest reading our short article “We Need To Divorce” on the CoupleInBloom.com HELP page and then contacting us on the CONTACT page for some help. ♥ Loren and Kathy Falzone