



RISE ON FIRE MINISTRIES TEACHING NOTES

|| When Marriage Goes Wrong & What To Do

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|| When Marriage Goes Wrong & What To Do by PD Vander Westhuizen

Marriage is hard. And sometimes it becomes really hard. But it shouldn't be a surprise, Satan is after marriages - for if the marriage fails, it takes a house down with it. Marriage is also hard because it involves two different individuals becoming one flesh. No matter the reason for the struggles of marriage, how we deal with them is something everyone who marries will need to face and it comes down to this: Will we "love like the world" only as long as the person loves us back (and in the same amount), or will we love like Jesus, even in a broken, unhappy marriage?

Christ has suffered all we could ever suffer (Hebrews 4:15). Even though He was never married in the flesh, God experienced the same pains when His Bride has sinned, or fallen away even temporarily. Yet Christ overcame and loved us to the end. Will we love like He did, in a love that is sacrificial, merciful and kind? The kind of love that draws others to repentance, like He did us.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1. When one is not loving or honoring like Yeshua did, does not have fruits of the spirit, etc.

- We must in return treat them **like Yeshua treated us**
 - When we ignored, He blessed
 - When we wanted to leave, He never did
 - When we betrayed, He died for us

Mat 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye **resist not evil**: but whosoever shall **smite thee on thy right cheek**, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:40 And if any man will sue **thee at the law**, and take away thy coat, let him have thy **cloak also**.

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him **twain**.

Mat 5:42 **Give to him that asketh thee**, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

- Eye for eye: Equal financial compensation for damage
- Turn the other cheek: Don't just give back what was required, give back more
- If we have an expectation in our flesh that someone needs to "make something up to us", that is a good indication of what **we should do for them**
- **This does NOT REFER TO PHYSICAL ABUSE**

When a wife/husband is an enemy

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

Mat 5:45 **That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven**: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Mat 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

Mat 5:48 **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

- This is an opportunity to be "perfect"[ed]

A Note on Patience

- be **patient** with presenting truths
- It is almost more about HOW something is presented, that WHAT is presented

2. Abuse

- **If you are in a dangerous environment, leave to a safe space**
- **"Carrying your cross" does not mean living with an abusive partner**
 - **As Israel left abusive Egypt, so you may leave**