

E-Series

You Give Love A Bad Name (Revisited)



35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” —Romans 8

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As our series has gone on this month, people have asked me, “So, do you believe that there is ever a time to throw in the towel in a marriage?”

My answer to that question begins with something I’ve said before. We are all broken and sinful people. We all have broken relationships. Like I have said repeatedly this month, any marriage CAN be resurrected, no matter what has happened in the past. But, not ALL marriages will be.

Some marriages are so toxic, so plagued by adultery and addiction, etc. that, yes, after trying to work on it, the only option might be throwing in the towel. In the case of abuse, that will never get better on its own, so anyone suffering from marital abuse should get out TODAY. God doesn’t expect us to be our spouse’s punching bag!

Finally, no matter how hard you pray and try to rescue your marriage, if your spouse doesn’t want to work to save it, then it will be an uphill battle. If you desperately want your marriage to work, you want your marriage to make it, but your spouse doesn’t, then you can pray, you can do all you can, but you might not be able to rescue your marriage alone. Sometimes you can do everything in your power and things still might fall apart.

That’s where God’s grace comes in. God’s grace is sufficient for our brokenness. There is forgiveness. You can have peace and joy even after the pain of divorce. God’s grace is amazing. If you have been through the pain of a failed marriage, I hope you can receive God’s grace today and shed the guilt and pain of the past. That is God’s will for you.

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Reveling in Grace,
Pastor Michael