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Welcome to the New Normal

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High Commitment Low Grace
Low Commitment High Grace
High Commitment High Grace

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1 Corinthians 7:10-11

¹⁰ To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. ¹¹ But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

Main Point:

Look for ways to heal your marriage rather than ways to dissolve it.

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- Whatever grace I extend to my spouse is far surpassed by the grace I receive.

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Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of

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you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Ephesians 5:31-32

³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

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- Remind yourself of this truth: you are on the way but you are not yet a finished product.

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Psalm 25:4-7

⁴ Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

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*⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*

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*according to your love remember
me, for you, Lord, are good.*

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- Love your spouse, not as the love of your life, but as a gift from the love of your life.

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Luke 14:26

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.”

Recommended Resources:

Divorce Care Ministry here at First Colony Church of Christ. Call John 281.804.3239.

Recommended Resources:

Book: For the questions surrounding the theological and ethical issues of divorce, see Rubel Shelly's

Divorce & Remarriage: A Redemptive Theology.

Recommended Resources:

Book: For practical, spiritual, emotional and redemptive perspectives on divorce and life after divorce, see Dana Hood's *I Will Change Your Name: Messages From the Father to a Heart Broken by Divorce.*

Recommended Resources:

Book: *A Celebration of Sex* by Douglas E. Rosenau. The best book on sex for married couples.

Recommended Resources:

Website & Ministry:

www.joebeam.com

(Another excellent ministry with an assortment of offerings, including marriage weekends.)

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www.familylife.com

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