

MARRIAGE MEDIATION MINISTRY

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of a marriage mediation ministry is to edify and glorify God by working to fulfill God's will for covenant marriage relationships. God's will is enunciated very clearly in properly interpreted scripture that marriage is indissoluble until the death of one spouse. Matthew 19:4-9; Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39. God's will is further contained in the unequivocal statement that God hates divorce. Malachi 2:16. These principles are further supported by the lessons on the marriage covenant, forgiveness and reconciliation through the Book of Hosea.

The vision to edify God incorporates the scriptural view of marriage and divorce by holding strong to these two principles in the ministry. If God's will is that marriage is indissoluble, then a couple in a troubled marriage has no alternative but to work through their problems. Otherwise, they would be forced to deny their faith. A marriage mediation ministry can assist a couple in making their marriage indissoluble so that the word, "divorce" is neither used nor given even a foothold in thought.

A marriage can be assisted by encouraging believers to follow God's Design for Marriage. By encouraging couples through Christian mediation, innumerable marriages can be supported. By training disciples to conduct marriage mediations, the ministry's future is secured so that the growth factor of marriage successes multiplies. Through this dual vision, cultural trends related to the traditional family unit will be corrected on a scripturally sound pathway so that the possibility of divorce is eventually obliterated and totally eliminated. Such results, generation after generation, have the net effect of

glorifying God as it is only through God's Word and the Holy Spirit that such results could occur. Current cultural trends can be reversed.

If you are thinking this is a pie-in-the-sky wish or hope, you might not understand the necessary mindset of the disciple. This is a dedicated vision to work within, a discipleship mindset through the Holy Spirit to bring about global change. Any other mindset would produce victories for Satan, divorce after divorce.

If we look at the statistics related to the possibility of divorce, most disciples would become disheartened. While the rate of divorce for Christian marriage as well as the marriages of unbelievers exceeds 50% for first marriages, the probability of divorce in second marriages is 76%. For third marriages it is 84%. For fourth marriages it is 97%. *Divorce Care Workbook*. The rate of multiple marriages and divorces since the 1950's has dramatically increased in the United States. While it is very obvious from a statistical perspective to see that God's will is being globally ignored, it does not logically follow that the trend will continue if disciples stand and accept God's call for Christian warriors to battle Satan in this key area of moral decline.

We have the inerrant writings of God and Christ's assurance that everything is possible through Him. Accordingly, through faith, an unflinching commitment to follow God's will and the implementation of a reproductive discipleship plan, this vision can be fulfilled.

By following Christ's example with a clear focus on fulfilling God's will, miracles can and will happen not only in individual marriages but also culturally in individual nations and globally. Through Christ, all mankind was given the opportunity for salvation and eternal life. Starting with Christ's acceptance to become man and God's will as revealed in His Word, the opportunity for eternal salvation was fulfilled. We have

the same opportunity today related to marriages. If you believe only God can implement all of this, you are right. It is achieved only through the Holy Spirit working through man.

Although we may be starting with a mustard seed in our culture, we know by Christ's example that God's will can be fulfilled related to any dilemma mankind suffers.

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