1	Malachi Study		
	Men of Grace		
	June 17, 2008		
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4	Malachi 2:10-16		
	Message of the Book of Mala	achi:	
	I (the Lord) am serious about		p with you (nation of Israel)
5	Malachi 2:10-16		
	ISSUES IN MALACHI:		
	 Spiritually careless Divorce and remarriage 		
	Not trusting God with finance	ces	
	■ Personal disappointment	Alle dele et e la reterior de la	
6	Malachi 2:10-16		
	COVENANTS		
	■ "Breaking faith"		
	■ Divine covenants and huma	an covenants	
	■ Elements of a covenant		
	Symbolic action, declared to b	de lasting, God is viewed as a	t mutual responsibilities, oaths, sign or a witness and guarantor of the a covenant and offer rewards for
7	Malachi 2:10-16		
	Covenants as a response to sin		
	 "Covenants are God's way of organia after sin disrupts a perfect world" (D 	zing, sustaining, and reclaim	ing divine and human relationships
	· "It is the vow which keeps the man, I	avid Gusnee) not vice versa" (Mike Mason)	Caracter Secretary
8	Malachi 2:10-16		
	STRUCTURE		
	I. Covenants with God and e	each other	
	■ II. Breaking covenant with G	od	
	Marrying foreign wives		
	E III Breaking covenant with	anah athau	
	 III. Breaking covenant with e Divorcing believing wives 	each other	

■ IV. Command

Guard yourselves and don't break faith

	Verse 2:10
	■ The premise
	 Our common covenant with the one God and Father should impact our relationships with each other
	 The problem We are breaking faith with each other, and are therefore breaking covenant with God
10	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline
	Verse 2:11-12 Marrying foreign wives Deuteronomy 7: 3-6: Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession
11	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline
	1 Corinthians 7:12-16
	To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?
12	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline
	Verse 2:14
	She was your companion and your wife by covenant (the wife of your youth)
	■ You have "broken faith" with her
	■ You have broken faith with God He served as a witness to that covenant!
13	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline
	Verse 2:15
	■ God made you one (Genesis 2)
	■ He put his Spirit in this
	■ God has larger purposes: Spiritual offspring (Genesis 1)
14	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline
	Genesis 1:27
	So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it"
15	Malachi 2:10-16 Outline

9 Malachi 2:10-16 Outline

Verse 2:16

■ God's command

Do not break faith

Guard yourselves in your spirit

■ Do not do violence to the one you are supposed to protect!

16 Malachi 2:10-16 Outline

Defensive Strategies

- Avoiding dangerous situations
- Community accountability and encouragement
- 17 Malachí 2:10-16 Outline

Offensive Strategies

- · Knowing each other
- Enjoying each other
- · Forgiving one another
- Serving with one another
- 18 Malachi 2:10-16 Discussion Questions
 - □ In your experience, what has been the most helpful offensive strategy and the most helpful defensive strategy for guarding a healthy marriage with your wife?
 - □ What do you miss most about your early years with your wife? If you could bring one dynamic from that past time to the present, what would it be?
 - □ In what area has your perspective on marriage changed the most over the years?
- 19 Study Schedule

06/03/08- Malachi, part 1, Brian Christie 06/10/08- Malachi, part 2, Brian Christie 06/17/08- Malachi, part 3, Dave Gundlach 06/24/08- Malachi, part 4, Brian Christie 07/01/08- Malachi, part 5, Brian Christie

07/08/08- Early Church History, Dr. Drake Levasheff 07/15/08- Marriage/Parenting, Dr. Kim Storm 07/22/08- Marriage/Parenting, Dr. Kim Storm 07/29/08- 3rd Half: New Heaven, Phillip Langford

08/05/08- Summer Break 09/09/08

09/16/08- 1st Peter series begins

Malachi 2:10-16

- ¹⁰ Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?
- ¹¹ Judah has broken faith, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. ¹² May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob, any descendant of the man who does this, who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!
- ¹³ And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. ¹⁴ But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have broken faith, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring.

So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you break faith with the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For the man who hates and divorces," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "covers his garment with violence," says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not break faith.

[NIV: v. 16: "I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment" says the Lord Almighty.]



