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Matthew 19:3-8

→ if you actually said what was on your mind...

#1 The closer someone is, the more conflict there can be.

→ three ways to approach relationships:

C _____
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→ arguing over Deuteronomy 24:1-4 - **vs. 3-6**

#2 God designed marriage to be a lifelong covenant.

→ the problem wasn't with marriage - **vs. 7-8**

→ the solution wasn't a contract - **Ezekiel 11:19**

#3 It took a new covenant to give you a new heart.

#4 {Relationship Goal} **We will freely share what's on our new hearts.**

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1. Most of the time it's true that the more you're around someone, the more conflict there can be. What's a relationship in your life (past or present) where that didn't seem to be the case? What made it work?
2. What are some of the influences and experiences that have shaped your definition of marriage?
3. Which do you think is the most common way to approach marriage: a consumer mindset, a contract mindset, or a covenant mindset?
4. God intended marriage to be a lifelong covenant. Why do you think people tend to gravitate away from that view of marriage?
5. **Read Matthew 19:7-8.** According to Jesus, what is the source of conflict within marriage (or any close relationships)?
6. **Read Ezekiel 11:19.** How does this verse visualize what God did for you?
7. God's covenant with you in Christ makes it safe for you to admit fault to others you've wronged and extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you. What's one way you can transform your conflict communication as you speak from the new heart God gave you?