

~ *Kevin's Kolumn* ~

Death or Divorce

I once heard it said that there's only two ways a marriage can end: death or divorce. My first reaction to that statement was one of shock." How morbid!" I thought. But after having time for reflection I've come to embrace this statement as being absolutely true regardless as to its morbidity. There's really only two ways a marriage *can* end. The same is true of our relationship with Christ Jesus. We're reminded time and again of Jesus being the Bridegroom of His bride, the church. Because Jesus is the 'Head' of the relationship we share, He leads us in the direction best meant for us to go. Because He possesses the Words of life, we follow His leading through whatever life throws at us.

When counseling with couples who've grown disinterested in each other I remind them of an important truth. Love is more a decision than a feeling. In other words, each of us choose who to love, who to marry and spend the rest of our lives with. Time brings about change. Circumstances change, people change and relationships change. Change isn't a bad thing: it's just...different. Unfortunately, some are unable to adjust to life's changes and throw in the towel well before the buzzer sounds. The reason God hates divorce is because of the pain, isolation and grief it causes. It's never easy to watch someone go through divorce. In some cases it's worse than death because they still see their mate from time to time which is a reminder of how things could have been. I'm not writing this article to beat up on divorcees. I'm reminding each of us as Christ's bride to embrace the love we share with Him. Loving God is a choice. Either we decide to love Him or not.

If you've begun a life with Jesus, my encouragement to you is to finish it! Don't walk away from the best relationship you could ever hope to have. Time brings about change. Circumstances change, people change and relationships change. We change, but Jesus NEVER changes. His love is everlasting. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

At one time you chose to love Jesus. Remind yourself: the choice you made is greater than your feelings. Feelings come and go. Jesus came into your life when you gave your heart to Him. The only reason He'll 'go' is if you tell Him to.

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!

Kevin

Welcome!

News and Notes

Spaghetti Dinner for Cuba Mission Trip - Make plans now to join us for a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to raise money for the Cuba Mission Team. Date: 3/29/15 Time: Immediately after morning services Where: WH CoC Fellowship Hall Dinner cost: \$10/adults \$5/children Several items will be available for silent auction. Toll House Pies Fudge Candles Jewelry Handmade crocheted items and MORE NOTE: If you have something to donate for the silent auction, please see Marsha Sparks. Also, be looking for a sign-up sheet to donate desserts, breads, salads, & drinks for the dinner. Event Coordinator: Marsha Sparks

Men's Fishing Trip - Kevin is organizing a fishing trip for all interested male anglers. Dates are March 19th, 20th and 21st. We will meet at Harman Farm Family Campground on Thursday evening, fish all day Friday and return home on Saturday. There is room for 9 men including Kevin. First come, first serve! Make your reservations today.

Marriage Retreat - Love you through it is this year's theme for the 2015 West Virginia Marriage Getaway in Charleston. Dates are March 13th and 14th. If you're interested in going, make sure to register on line. If you're unable to register and need to sign up, please see Kevin. If you've never had opportunity to attend the WVMG we encourage you to come. You're in for a real treat!

Wedding Shower - Everyone is invited to join Mr & Mrs. David & Brenda Grant Born to celebrate their recent marriage immediately following morning services on Sunday, March 22nd. Everyone welcome!

Remember to turn clocks ahead next weekend!