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Is Having Sex with My Husband Considered Adultery since He is Remarried?

Ask Angie: I am confused about a situation and was wondering if you could give me some insight about it. I am standing for restoration and my ex has remarried. He's not happily married but married. We have recently just speaking and he wants to meet. I am confused about if having sex with him would be adultery being that he is remarried. I know if standing for restoration I shouldn't date but having sex with MY husband even thou he has remarried.

Marriage Guidance: Just when you think you've seen and read them all, a question comes in that tops them all. Your question is very interesting and your concerns are important to us. We hope that this clears things up for you both so you may work on repairing, healing and restoring your marriage to God. We recommend sending this marriage column to your husband.

When we study the scriptures we find that remarriage is adultery. So then it's not what you do with your husband but it's what your husband IS doing with another woman. Jesus lets us know that remarriage is adultery and all of the Apostles concur with Christ and teach the same, that if a man or woman leaves their first "one flesh" marriage spouse and marries another they are committing adultery. There is no confusion here. The whole of the New Testament is in agreement here.

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (Matthew 5:32)

And he saith unto them, 'Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.' (Mark 10:11)

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. (Luke 16:18)

KNOW ye not brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law.) how that **the** law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. (Romans 7:1-3)

And to the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, 'Let not the wife depart from her husband'. But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)

One of the problems is the woman your husband has remarried may not know the truth of scripture. She may not know that she is living in the sin of adultery by marrying a man who is already married. She may not even care if she is an unbeliever. If couples must separate and get a divorce because they are too hard-

hearted to reconcile their differences then God clearly states that they are to remain unmarried. Nowhere in the bible does it talk about <u>remarriage</u> while your spouse is still living.

The other issue I see is this. It is not wrong to have intimate relations with your husband but do you really want to considering the fact that he is living with another woman. Are you willing to be intimate with your husband knowing he is going to go back to the other woman? She is the one sinning by marrying an already married man! I suggest you pray about your situation and find out what your husband's intentions are before you hurt yourself all over again. Why is he coming back? Does he want to restore your marriage to God? Is he ready to ask the Lord for forgiveness of what he has done and repent of his wayward lifestyle? Is he willing to talk to the other woman about his wrong doing?

We've said this before and we'll say it again. Frank and I do not have this ministry to make friends. A lot of what we teach and preach is hard to take in. Much of what we say is hard for some minds to fathom. Our intention is to not offend anyone. Our intention is to get the truth out to as many people who are willing to listen. We want to shine the light of Christ on any who have the ears to hear it and to live the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For years we too were in the dark about the divorce and marriage scriptures because when we used to go to church they taught that it was ok to divorce your spouse if they were unfaithful and they taught it was ok to remarry someone else. It almost made sense and anyway why wouldn't you believe what the Pastor of a church says about the bible! They couldn't be wrong; they are a Pastor of a big beautiful church, after all. Wrong!

Here are some of the responses we get sent into the ministry about remarriage: Why would a loving God not allow for a person to remarry when their spouse has left them? Does God want us to be lonely for the rest of our life, to never be loved again? If God loves us so much why can't we remarry when our spouse divorces us? I love God, I go to church, and tithe, and so God won't care if I am remarried. It is ok to ask ourselves these kinds of questions but they come from the flesh perspective rather than the spiritual. When we choose to live for the flesh we will err.

It is God's will that couples work on a personal, growing relationship with Him to heal their hearts, minds, and souls, so they can be better marriage spouses for each other. It's the only way!! When we feel sick physically we run to the doctor but when we are sick in heart, mind, and soul we run to our selfish pleasures instead of God! And this is where we err. God wants our bodies healthy but even more important is having our minds healthy in His loving truths for our lives. It is God's will that the believing spouse influence the unbelieving spouse, and it is God's will that even **if** couples cannot manage to remain together that they absolutely do not remarry! There are no if, ands, or buts, with this one.

Now that Frank and I better understand these scriptures with wisdom from God's perspective instead of the worlds, we see that remarriage does NOT make any sense whatsoever, and here is why. Wherefore they are no more twain, <u>but one flesh</u>. What therefore God hath joined together <u>let no man put</u> <u>asunder</u>". Matthew 19:6

Your marriage becomes "one flesh" through leaving mother and father, sexual intimacy, and promising your lives to one another. This beautiful relationship between a man and a woman was established by God

and *your marriage belongs to Him*. When we treat our marriage with disrespect we are essentially disrespecting God and His plan for our lives. Why are so many blind to this truth?

Marriage is about the good times as well as the bad times. This means we go through even the bad times with our spouse, sharing in their burdens and sufferings, and being givers rather than takers. When we live our marriage from the spiritual perspective we see that marriage takes sacrifice and suffering sometimes. And when we live our marriage for the flesh we find that we err.

The bottom line is this: It is not necessarily a sin to "get a divorce" but you are relying on someone other than God to separate what God sanctified as "one flesh". Do you trust that? We certainly don't. The sin happens when one spouse gets a divorce and they cause the other one to remarry. And they cause themselves to remarry! Remarriage is a sin because you are still married—you never truly got a divorce from your first spouse. Signing a piece of paperwork does not break a covenant that God created! "Let No Man Put Asunder" means that no man can alter what God created and established!!

"What God has joined together let no man put asunder". But what are half of all marriages doing? Every day hundreds of thousands of people are trusting in the world to tell them how they should live. Christians are united with the world and trusting in men rather than Jesus Christ, the TRUE KING of the whole world. And God is a loving God and will always want what is best for you, even if that means suffering for a time to do what is right. Even if it means that what is right doesn't "feel" right for you at the time. Suffering makes us stronger people in Christ and it helps us learn how to please God by choosing His way rather than the world's.

Christ will completely forgive us of our sins, but we must be willing to stop in that sin, which takes a total transformation and lifestyle change. We have to change our attitude, our perspective, and how we believe. Who are you? Are you holding hands with the world or with God? It's not hard to figure out which way you are going when you honestly take a look at your life and lifestyle. God knows what is in our hearts and will help us overcome our addictions and sins when we have the faith to go to Him. **We must put our TRUST in God.**

Couples need to repent of their lack of knowledge and do what they need to do to repair their situation and get right with God for themselves and for their marriage. Talk with your husband next time you see him. Send him this marriage column and the <u>Permanency of marriage ebook</u>. It is time to heal yourselves and restore your marriage to God where it belongs. Seek a relationship with Jesus Christ and He will give you the wisdom and knowledge to understand the scriptures in His Light and to apply them into your life and marriage in His Wisdom!

Take care and God Bless!
In Christ,
Angie and Frank
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