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A Message by Dr. Joseph A. Webb

If you read nothing else: Please read this urgent letter!

Should we give up trying to save the families?

The June/July issue of the AARP magazine spoke concerning "The NEW American Family" Their observations might cause some to become discouraged. They revealed the latest statistics concerning what they call 'kinship relationships.' The materials contained in the article might discourage many into thinking "it's over; Why even try?; It's a lost cause."

The article begins with these statements: "The American family is in the midst of unprecedented change. And, as with so many other aspects of modern life, baby boomers deserve much of the credit- or the blame.

When boomers were kids in the 1950, 60% of U.S. families consisted of two married parents: a breadwinner and a homemaker. Today only 20% of American children live in such a family. Instead, couples

divorce- or never marry in the first place- and form new households, raising their kids in a tumble of step and half-siblings. Although the divorce rate has been declining among younger couples, among boomers it has increased to 50% in the past 20 years- with no slowdown in sight. "The baby boomers are likely to have the highest lifetime levels of divorce of any generation born in the 20th century."...The rate of single parenthood in the U.S. has increased dramatically since 1970, as Americans marry later in life, or not at all....When these trends collided in a New England home, a new blended family was born."

In 1970, 40% of households, consisted of a married couple and their children. By 2013, there were only 13%. In 1960, 72% of adults were married: by 2012, only 51%. In 1960, only 5% of births were by unmarried women: by 2012, 41%. In 1980, 12% of Americans were living in multigenerational households: In 2009, 17%...Meanwhile, a great number of boomers turned divorce and cohabitation from taboo to commonplace."

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"Massachusetts became the first state to recognize same-sex marriage, in 2003. Now, 17 states and the District of Columbia allow gay couples to wed, and many longtime partners have taken the plunge..." This has allowed 21% of same -sex households to include children."

This doesn't sound like victory for those for those of us who still hold to the "Covenant for life" concept. Many I counsel feel we might as well throw up our hands and quit. "The world is coming apart" they say. "We have lost the battle."

REALLY? Since when was it our battle? I thought we were to only be 'salt and light.' When are we to cease being salt and light? Jesus said: "When salt has lost its savor, it is GOOD FOR NOTHING." Have we failed? Actually, I believe If we let up, or quit; we will fail to please Him. If we continue to see things get WORSE, does that mean we FAILED? Did Noah fail when he preached divine judgment for 120 years with NO converts, except his own family? Did he give up? Did he waste those 120 years? Did God consider him to be a failure?

In Jeremiah 14, we are told how Jeremiah bemoaned over being born, because he was preaching judgment, and NO

ONE listened to him. In vs. 18, he said: "Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be CONSUMED WITH SHAME?" Jeremiah complained because NO ONE ever listened to him and told him to; "Shut up. Stop preaching your judgment and punishment message. We don't want to hear it anymore." Did Jeremiah quit? Would you consider his ministry a failure? Should he have quit because no one listened to him? Is Jeremiah highly honored today, because he refused to quit?

In Matthew 5:11- 19: Jesus described the "**BLESSED**" MINISTRY. " *Blessed are they which are PERSECUTED for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. BLESSED are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you FALSELY for my sake. REJOICE and BE EXCEEDING GLAD, for GREAT is your REWARD in heaven: FOR SO PERSECFUTED THEY THE PROPHETS WHICH WERE BEFORE YOU. Ye are the salt of the earth...Ye are the light of the world.*"

Does this sound like DEFEAT or FAILURE to you?

When the Apostle Paul; who lived a life of constant

persecution, punishment, rejection and imprisonment spoke to the Church of Corinth, in I Cor. 15:58; he never once hinted we should get discouraged or let up. He said: "*Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, always ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord,* (NOTE: It does not say Church work, or denominational work; but "The work of the Lord.") *FORASMUCH as ye KNOW that your LABOR (toil, exertion) is NOT IN VAIN, (empty) in the Lord.*" Just because people do not listen to us, does not mean we have failed. Instead it means they will be ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN WARNED.

Some have said: "The world is coming apart!" Actually, the world is coming together, because everything Jesus and Paul said would happen in the last days, is happening right now. These are not unexpected surprises, but a coming together of all the signs of the times, and we are to "*Occupy till He comes.*"

Many of you who once faithfully supported C.P.R. Ministries have become discouraged, and have retreated. What you once believed and testified to has cost you much discomfort and isolation. Consequently, C.P.R. Ministries is now in a situation we have

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never been before. Unless there is a large infusion of gifts into this ministry THIS MONTH, Pat and I will have to relinquish our efforts, because we told the Lord, we would never go into debt to proclaim His truth. 2014 finds us unable to fund the basic costs of the ministry and Pat and I have had to relinquish a salary and expenses for several months now, so the other bills could be paid. We do not say this for pity. We say this because we feel you should ask the Lord if He wants you to renew your spirits and know "your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Unless the finances increase substantially, this month, we will have to decide what He wants us to do with this ministry.

I never thought I would have to share this with you. This is the first time in 28 years. However, we want to be honest in all our dealings with you. We are seeing more fruit every month, but less support. We are reaching out further than ever before, but experiencing fewer and fewer faithful supporters, holding up our arms, while we continue to do battle.

Do you truly feel this is a valid ministry? Have you received our newsletters lately simply as an observer or onlooker, but not a participant? Unless the finances turn around right away, the monies to send out the newsletter will not be there, and there will be no more

newsletters to observe. Regardless of what society does, CPR is a VALID ministry!

This is a call for more "watchmen on the wall." WILL YOU RESPOND THIS MONTH, to help us get caught up in our ministry costs? PLEASE let us hear from you this month! Many of you have been incredibly faithful for years, but many other faithful supporters have been called to heaven, with no one to replace them. Would you pray and ask the Lord if YOU should AGAIN be a vital part of all we do? Please pray about this and let us hear from you THIS MONTH!

Thank you. Joe & Pat\ Webb



STORY OF BIBLICAL, COVENANT HONORING LOVE~~~~~

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman, probably in his 80s, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00AM.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him.

I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got

the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me "no", that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late.

He replied she no longer knew who he was, and that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'and you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?' He smiled as he patted my hand; She doesn't know who I am, BUT I STILL KNOW WHO SHE IS.'

I had to hold back tears as he left. I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want to experience in my life!'

True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.

We are all getting older. Will we determine now to love our partner as Christ loves His

Church? ❤️

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A FEW TEARFUL WORDS FROM A TEENAGE DAUGHTER FROM A BROKEN HOME.

"I felt the guilt of the broken family, even though I did nothing wrong. I began to believe no one could relate to me. I felt alone."

The day he left was the day my life became a living hell. A lonely, heart-wrenching, never ending journey."

"The days dragged on; the months lengthened, the pain remained overwhelming. My school grades dropped; my athletic ability dragged; my body weakened. Life felt unbearable, and no matter how hard I tried, I could not shake the agony. Nothing I did or said would convince my father to come home, but I continued to long for my family, and for my parents' love to rekindle.

I stopped answering my dad's phone calls; I stopped sending him texts; I stopped seeing the face of betrayal."

I refused to be a statistic, but I came closer to being one than I realized. 63% of youth suicides, 90% of all homeless and runaway children, 71% of all high school dropouts and 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home. Because

my father left, I am 6.6 times more likely to become a teenage mother and 33 times more likely to be seriously abused.

The one who held me first when I came out of my mother's womb; the one who raised me as a daddy's girl, and lectured me on the evil ways of men: The same man that would kiss my forehead every night as he laid me down to bed, was once again gone."

NOTE: The baggage these children carry with them will go with them into their own marriages.

The deep wounds and scars will forever be a part of their lives.

WARNING:*If you are a father or a mother who is entertaining thoughts of leaving or taking that next step towards an affair...JUST DON'T DO IT!* Turn around and run; don't walk, run towards home. Have the courage to do what is **RIGHT** and fight for your spouse and your children. God is always right there with you. He will guide and strengthen you to become courageous; full of character, integrity and honor!

There is such beauty and integrity when relationships are healed and families are restored; when we stand our ground, live out our roles and love our spouses and children with complete and self-sacrificing abandon...the way we are loved

by our Almighty, Heavenly Father.

Written by a lady who is standing for her marriage and family. L.B.



Letter of inquiry concerning second relationships:

Good afternoon, I was very fond of your book. Since first becoming a Christian, I have always felt that the word of God clearly pointed that remarriage is wrong. God called me to preach the Word of God. When doing so one Sunday, I talked about how God hates divorce and it has ruined the fabric of society. As a teacher, I clearly see what divorce has done, causing trouble for the children. This teaching almost started a riot after the service. A man yelled and screamed at me as I was praying at the close of the service and about 15 remarried members came to the pastor after I left and complained. I was told that I could never preach about divorce again. The parishioners had yet to hear what the word of God reveals about remarriage. I would not compromise God's word, so now my family and I are without a church home.

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I wanted to email you a quick question-What do you tell people who repent of being in an adulterous marriage when they want to marry someone who has never been married before? To me it appears the person was never in a covenant with the person they were first married to because that person had a living spouse whom they were in covenant with before God. In another sense, it appears to be hypocritical to marry someone again when I do not believe in remarriage. I would never want to preside over someone's marriage if it was against the word of God.

God bless you.
I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, J.M.

Dear J.M.

Welcome to the reality of where the Church is today concerning the sanctity of marriage.

You are correct in your evaluation about one who has been in an adulterous relationship. Jesus did not call it a marriage, but adultery. Adultery, like any other sin can be totally forgiven, when truly repented of. When a single person marries a divorced person; that formerly single person who has truly repented, has never been in a 'covenant relationship,' but in a fornicating relationship, while the divorced person they were involved with was in an adulterous relationship. because the one who was previously married and

divorced did not have title to their body to give to the formerly single person. Since the relationship was adulterous; it could not constitute a 'one flesh' union." This is why Paul said concerning some who 'were' in fornication: *"and such WERE some of you; but you are washed, you are cleansed..."* If they WERE; they AREN'T now.

They will suffer in the flesh, because of their past sin, but all of us do that every day, because of past failures. This is where the grace of God becomes sufficient for us to be over comers every day. To me, it appears the formerly single person was never in a covenant with the divorced person they were first married to because that person was already, and still, one flesh with their covenant partner.

Always remember: "A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority."

Thank you for your inquiry. I trust this helps you in your studies and your stand.

In Him; Joe Webb++

Brother Webb:

Thank God that the High Court Of Australia has ruled unanimously to strike down the same-sex 'marriage' law ... saying it cannot co-exist with the Commonwealth Marriage Act! That means that the traditional true

marriage of one man with one woman for LIFE still stands.
J.B. Aus. ++

Dear Dr. Webb,

I was so blessed to have received your extensive biblical and historical study on Divorce-Re- Marriage. I am eternally grateful for the Truth which has set me free. I'd also like to thank-you for taking the time to minister to my daughter and I, on the phone, the other day; and for praying for me.

As a follow-up, I thought I might Google the above "Subject" title: Testimonies of people who REPENTED of Divorce/Re-Marriage. To my surprise, I was entirely blocked from doing so. It would be of great comfort to me personally, if I could avail myself of such material. Do you yourself have some testimonies which could be shared on this. God bless you for all that you do in the Name of Jesus.

A repentant sister in Christ,
Y. J.+++

Pastor Webb and Pat,

Thank you so much for including me in the mailing list for the Newsletter and would love to send a love offering and not just one time. Thank you for teaching truth, standing on the word of God, and for all of your wisdom, thorough research and for following our Precious

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Lord's teachings as they are all from God. It is holiness above happiness, obedience brings blessings (not just hearing the word, but doing it). Obedience is better than sacrifice. Repentance brings Forgiveness and we must walk not in the flesh but in the Spirit. Motivations (what motivates our hearts does matter). Have been leading the Sat night Covenant Marriage call and always challenging whoever may be listening to be a Berean-learned that from you. Amen! Thank you! So much to learn in so many areas and thank you Jesus for loving us through and guiding us. Would love to catch up live sometime. Have a few questions and prayer requests. God Bless you both and thank you! What a difference your ministry makes and you have my support. Love in Christ, J.M.R.+++

Greetings,

Hope you are doing well. I am wondering if I can run a question by you? We recently came across a situation where divorce and remarriage was discussed again and one individual directed the conversation to,

1 Corinthians 7:8,9 *"I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. ⁹ But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn."*

This person was saying that the word "unmarried" in this

passage could be referring to a divorced person just as easily as to a person who has never been married.

Looking forward to hearing your wisdom on this subject.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

"Blessings", P.F. +++

Brother P.F.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Whoever said "unmarried and divorcee" were the same, completely misses the significance of a "COVENANT" marriage.

There are multiple verses to prove this situation very clearly.

"Whosoever divorces his wife and marries another,(or pretends to go through the ceremony of one getting married.) commits ADULTERY." Adultery isn't marriage and marriage isn't adultery. Adultery is sex outside of the marriage while the *"marriage bed is undefiled."*

"What God has joined together (glued together) NO MAN may separate." Only DEATH ends the marriage covenant.

"The ADULTERER,... SHALL NOT inherit the kingdom of God."

"They that know the law, know that a woman is BOUND to her husband SO LONG AS HE

LIVETH; but if her husband be DEAD, she is no longer bound. "But, if while her husband liveth, she be MARRIED to another man (to go through the so called marriage ceremony, which God cannot recognize without violating His own holiness, righteousness and justice.) she shall be called an ADULTERESS." Note: An adulterous relationship can NEVER be a married relationship, because ONLY God can make two, one; and He won't violate His own standards.

Paul was clearly speaking to those NEVER married before; and to widows or widowers. Only these are free from a covenant tie to another living person.

There is NO biblical evidence to support this man's suggestion, except; *"Men's misguided ideas and doctrines of devils."*

I trust this will help. We at C.P.R. Ministries covet your prayers!

Love in Christ; Joe Webb++

Hi-Joseph,

I wanted to give you an update on my marriage situation since you were so instrumental and supportive during one of the most difficult times in my life. My husband, showed up on my doorstep on July 4, 2013. He was repentant and shared many answers to prayer over the 16 years we were apart. He told me he was divorcing the

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other woman and that it would take about a year, but after that he wanted to see how things would work with us and that he wanted me to help him with his son (who is 14, and knows me). It was the most amazing time and so surreal! God answered ALL of the prayers I had prayed over the 16 years. My husband told me that he recognized that God was constantly trying to get his attention through many ways and that he would share them with me as he thought of them. He did share 3 of them with me that day. What I didn't realize, was what a gift that day was, as my husband died suddenly and unexpectedly on February 9, 2014.

I am so proud of him for repenting to The Lord and to me, and for taking the steps to divorce the "other woman" (which was final on Dec 13th-just two months prior to his death) and truly turning things around. I know this was an answer to my prayers over the years and that The Lord was directing his steps. The night I found out that he died, I cried out to God, "why"? And He said, "You finished the race"....

My husband asked me what he was supposed to do. I told him to go to The Lord and that he would show him like he showed me. He kept asking me to tell him what to do, so I gave him the name of your book. I told him it had everything he needed to know. I don't think he read it, and I look back now seeing the sense of urgency. He didn't have time to study like I did for 4

years. He needed to know what to do, as time was of the essence, and I think somewhere in his spirit, he knew that.

May The Lord Bless you and your ministry for helping and encouraging those like me. Love in Christ, A. C. / TX

Points to Ponder:



Senior Divorces Soar

By Philip Moeller | U.S.News & World Report LP – Fri, Jul 6, 2012 11:13 AM EDT

Sad to report, but divorces among older Americans are surging. That's saying something in a country that is already recognized as the world leader in divorces. With baby boomers--already no strangers to divorce - entering middle age at a fast clip, the divorce trend may well become even more pronounced.

In their own recent research that included a review of earlier work, Susan L. Brown and I-Fen Lin at Bowling Green State University's National Center for Family & Marriage Research Center. They found the divorce rate among Americans at least 50 years old had doubled between 1990 and 2009. The doubling trend held up among those over age 65 as well as among younger boomers, although the numbers of divorces is now higher among the younger group.

People already divorced at least once and remarried are two-and-a-half times more likely to divorce

again than first-time marrieds. Half of all divorces for people aged at least 50 years old, involved remarriages. The researchers thus predicted the trend would accelerate.

[Related: [The Big Business of Divorce](#)]

Their paper did not attempt to find causes for the increase. It cited earlier research that found several related underlying trends: more older people, the cumulative impact of more divorces, greater social acceptance of divorce, rising female equality and financial independence, and baby boomers' convictions that it was proper to pursue more satisfying lives even if it meant leaving a partner.

Question: *"How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach; except they be SENT?"* Romans 10:14,15

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NEW WEBB SITE!

Steve Carroll from California has ministered to CPR, by creating a NEW WEBSITE! To visit this website, note the new address. www.cpr-ministries.com. After the site has been in existence for a short time, the old address will be reinstated: with .org at the end. We appreciate Steve's labor of love to make this new website functional. Try it and let us know if you like the changes.

Thank you, Steve!!

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