

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 10 1-16



Lord, I love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides.  
Psalm 126:8

## **Praising:**

Saviour breathe forgiveness o'er  
us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before  
us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self-denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.

## **Reading:**

Mark 10:1-16  
Marriage, divorce and children

These days every family circle knows the pain and tragedy of divorce. Christian couples are not immune. When the Pharisees test Jesus on his attitude, the Lord restates the case for the permanent ideal of marriage and says that Moses' law had been shaped to the character of those for whom it was written. Jesus' words may be very hard to take

for someone whose marriage has ended through little or no fault of theirs, or indeed despite their best efforts for it not to end. But Jesus' point is that relationships should not be disposable. When they are treated as such the consequences can be disastrous, especially for the children – for whom Jesus reserves some of his tenderest words. What Christ doesn't say is that divorce is any worse than any other sin. Thank God for forgiveness and fresh-starts.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we pray for the sacred institution of marriage

- for couples preparing to marry, especially those from broken homes themselves
- for married couples going through difficulties that help and healing would be sought
- for those who have separated or divorced and the children of broken homes

Father: thank you for all my relationships, and be in them I pray, especially the relationship that's most important, that I may love ..... as much as I love myself. Amen

## **Doing:**

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