



**Series:** Malachi – God’s Response to Fake Religion  
**Passage** Malachi 2:10-2:16  
**Title:** Marriage – God’s Reflection of His Covenant Promise  
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## Discussion Starter

What responsibility do we have, as members of the family of God, to help with relationships among us? How does our culture make this especially uncomfortable? What are a few conditions necessary to minister to each other? How do we prepare ourselves to help each other?

## Our Relationship with God Determines Our Relationship with Others

- We have one father (God), so as believers, we are all brothers and sisters. How does God expect us to treat one another? How might we treat each other treacherously? How might we profane God’s covenant? (Verse 2:10)
- How might we fool ourselves into believing we are being a good member of God’s family?

## God’s Holy Institution

- What is God’s Holy Institution? (Verse 2:11). Why did God create marriage? How does marriage reflect God’s love for us? (See Deuteronomy 7:6)
- Why did God command his people not to marry unbelievers? How might a relationship with an unbeliever be damaging to us?
- What does it show to the unbelieving community when we marry an unbeliever? How might these relationships impact the rest of the family of God.
- What does “being unequally yoked” mean? (2 Corinthians 4-16)
- What influence did unbelieving wives have on King Solomon? What impact did this have on Israel (the family of God)?

## The Results of an Unequal Marriage

- According to Pastor JC, what are the four consequences of an unequal marriage?
- Unequal relationships do not just effect the man and woman in a relationship. How might an unequal marriage cause division among the family of God? Among the couple’s own family and children?

## Our Commitment to Marriage Should Reflect God's Covenant with His People

- How does an uncaring relationship between a husband and wife reflect on the family of God?
- How might a healthy relationship be a light to unbelievers (Matthew 5:14-16)?
- What is a covenant? How long is the marriage covenant suppose to last?
- Why does God compare a crumbling relationship to violence (Verses 2:16)?