The Gospel According To MARK
Chapter 10:1-12
“The ‘I Do’ of Marriage!”

> First the VOW! Then the WOW! In time the WOOOOOO!

I) THE “I DO” MARRIAGE COMMITMENT!!! (v1-9)
> Wedding Vows:
- *(Groom’s name)* Do your take *(Bride’s name)* to be your lawful wedded wife? Do you promise to love her as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it? Do you promise to present her to Christ a glorious wife, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that she should be holy and without blemish.
- *(Bride’s name)* Do you take *(Groom’s name)* to be your lawful wedded husband? Do you promise to submit yourself unto Him as unto the Lord. Do you promise to recognize him as the head of their new family, even as Christ is the head of the church? Do you promise to love him?

> After the wedding vows is the exchanging of the rings - “May I have the rings, please.”
- Address the groom and say repeat after me, “I (husband’s name), take you (wife’s name) to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better for worse; for richer or for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death do us part.”
- Address the bride and say after me, “I (wife’s name) take you (husband’s name) to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better for worse; for richer or for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death do us part.”

> Observation: “In the beginning” – MARRIAGE BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE! – *Genesis 2:18-25. (Three keys: (1) Leave; (2) Cleave; (3) Believe!)*

II) THE “I DON’T” CREATES MARRIAGE CONFLICTS!!!
- Marriage conflicts are a result of living to PLEASE SELF instead of living to PLEASE THE LORD. When living to please one self, each spouse will blame the other for problems and difficulties even though both are sinning.

> Charts: #1 - “Satan’s Building Blocks”
#2 – “Cross Training”

> Two rules for allowable “DIVORCE” – (1) Adultery (Matthew 19:9); (2) the non-believer wants to leave/divorce (1 Corinthians 7:15).

III) HOW TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!
> LIVE:
“FAITH” – 1 Peter 3:1-7
“HOPE” – Ephesians 5:18-33
“LOVE” – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
"The Wall of Separation"

"A house divided against itself shall not stand."

Matthew 12:25
“CROSS TRAINING!”

> FIVE STEPS TO CROSS TRAINING:

◆ RECOGNIZE
◆ REPENT
◆ RECONCILE
◆ RESOLVE
◆ RESTORE

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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Jesus said:
“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23