

## Disloyal Hearts and Divided Homes

Series - First Pursuit: Pursuing the God Who Pursues Me

– Malachi 2:10-16 –

When the people violated their covenantal relationships with one another — be it in their marriages, or in the way they related to one another within the community of faith — they were obscuring the picture of God’s covenantal love for His people.

1. Don’t Break the Bond of COMMUNITY  
(Mal. 2:10; Rom. 12:4-5; Phil. 2:1-4)

2. Don’t Make the Bond of LAWLESSNESS  
(Mal. 2:11-12; Num. 25:1-3; II Cor. 6:14-7:1)

3. Don’t Break the Bond of MARRIAGE  
(Mal. 2:13-16; Matt. 5:31-32; Heb. 13:4)

### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How had Judah broken faith? Why does God take our relationships with others so seriously? Why can’t it be just “God and me?” What is it that God wants us to learn from other people and how does that affect our relationships with Him (Romans 12:4-5)?
3. In what ways is your marriage an accurate picture of who God is? How have you seen Christ through your spouse? How has your marriage impacted your personal relationship with the Lord?
4. Apparently, the tears Malachi refers to (v. 13) are tears of remorse, not repentance. What is the difference?
5. To what extent do you think Christians today are influenced more by culture than by God’s Word on the topic of marriage and divorce?

