

Giving You a Fresh Start After Divorce

How Can You Feel Loved Even During Your Divorce?

As I continue this series on Giving You A Fresh Start after Divorce, I want to address **How Can You Feel Loved Even During the Divorce?** Divorce can bring up so many emotions and some of them can be hard to understand. It can be bringing up old wounds that have never been healed to then multiple the pain in our heart from what is currently happening.

Divorce can be a very confusing time where we are trying to make sense of our painful situation and sometimes, we just can't.

What Are We to Do When There Seems to be No Answers?

Years ago, I sent a card to a friend who needed some encouragement. The words below were on the front of the card. My friend held onto this card as a means of encouragement for years. Then years later, when I needed encouragement, she sent the words from that card to me. I thought it was beautifully written by B.J. Hoff.

*Life will bring us questions without answers;
To live is to encounter silent seasons of the soul,
When every prayer will seem to go unanswered
As we face events beyond our understanding or control.
Yet in the quiet darkness, Christ is working.
His silence in the shadows doesn't mean He doesn't care;
A part of faith is trusting without reason,
Believing, when He can't be seen or heard, that He's still there ...
So when answers fail to come, don't be discouraged
Keep leaning on His steadfast love and trusting in His will,
For knowing **why** won't really make a difference –
But growing close to Jesus **will**. B.J. Hoff*

Doesn't this say it all? Having your marriage relationship destruct before your eyes can bring so many questions that you might never have an answer to. Does that mean you shouldn't ask? No of course not. Getting clarity and understanding is always helpful. But if you question and don't get an answer, be at peace and know that the Lord is still working. Remember the teacher is quiet during a test.

"When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them." (Psalm 91:15 New Living Translation, NLT)

That is a beautiful Scripture and one that we should take to heart because He says when we call on Him, He will answer. Does He answer immediately? Not always and there could be some reasons for that.

One reason could be is because before we get the answer there is still more, we need to step through and process because we are still learning. It doesn't mean He's not with us, He's just quiet at that moment. Another reason could be we are not listening. The noise in our head is so full of worry, anxiety, stress, foreboding thoughts that we cannot hear His voice. He's speaking but we just cannot hear.

Have you ever seen a toddler having a temper tantrum and they are very loud. The parent is calmly trying to draw the child's attention away from the tantrum, but the child is screaming so loudly, they cannot hear the gentle loving voice of the parent. That could be us in the midst of our trial.

One of the Things We Need to Do Is Be Cautious in the Preparation of Things!

"Don't get wrapped up in the preparation and miss the relationship. You miss the relationship and all the preparation you have done will be meaningless."

Do you remember back in 1999 when there was all the talk and fear of Y2K – the turning of the clock from 1999 to 2000? There was fear that the computers were all going to crash because all programing was done with the last two digits of the year 97, 98, 99 and now we were coming to a new century with a whole new set of numbers. Would we be able to begin the year by inputting "00" into the computers? People were afraid that all the computers would go haywire, and we would not have electricity, water, or heat. The banks would be in turmoil, and we would not be able to get to our money. No money – no food. So, people were *"preparing"*. They were purchasing pounds of flour, sugar, grains, etc. and storing cans of food and jugs of water in their basements. All in fear of what could happen when the clock turned to 12 midnight on January 1, 2000.

It was now December 31, 1999, and I had done nothing. About halfway through the day, I asked the Lord if there was something I should be doing for my family? Should I stockpile food and

water in my basement? It was a little late to be asking this question, but I did. Well, He spoke these words to me.

“Don’t get wrapped up in the preparation and miss the relationship. You miss the relationship and all the preparation you have done will be meaningless.”

He didn’t want everyone getting so wrapped up in the preparation for 2000 that they would forget about their relationship with Him. I heeded what He said. I did buy a couple gallons of water in case we did not have our electricity and could not get water from the well. But that was all. I remember that night going into my daughter’s room and reading with her. We both fell asleep on her bed. I awoke sometime later and realized it was the New Year --- and nothing happened.

Are there some of you right now in the midst of Court, frantically preparing for your next Court date and not remembering your relationship with the ultimate of lawyers Jesus Christ? I remember those times. Being an organized person, I like to have all my “ducks in a row.” I would sometimes work for hours preparing everything for Court the next day. I was so wrapped up in that preparation, that I forgot to spend time at the feet of Jesus for His guidance and preparation. Don’t forget to spend time with Him at His feet worshipping Him in “*spirit and in truth*.” He knows your situation better than anyone else. He can turn a situation around quicker than all you’re planning, preparing, and worrying can do! Go to His feet. He’s waiting! How I wish I heeded this during my Court times.

“I hear the Lord saying, ‘I will stay close to you, instructing and guiding you along the pathway for your life. I will advise along the way and lead you forth with my eyes as your guide. So don’t make it difficult; don’t be stubborn when I take you where you’ve not been before. Don’t make me tug you and pull you along. Just come with me!’” Psalm 32:8-9 The Passion Translation, TPT

So how can you feel loved during this very painful time? Listen to this Scripture, receive it in your heart and let Him love on you. **Twice He Said the Same Thing!**

*“My lover said to me, ‘Rise up, my darling! **Come away with me**, my fair one! Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone. The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air. The fig trees are forming young fruit, and the fragrant grapevines are blossoming. Rise up, my darling! **Come away with me**, my fair one!’” Song of Solomon 2:10-13*

Can you come away with Him? Are you able to just close your eyes and visualize your King speaking these words to you? Is it hard for you to believe that what He is saying to you is true and this is exactly how He feels? If you can’t, then you need time in His presence to receive that transformation.

It’s so hard to believe that there is someone out there that truly loves who we are ... without judgments, criticisms, or ridicule. But there is and His Name is Jesus. He looks at you as **His Beloved Bride**; one that He yearns for.

His heart is for you.
He so wants you to ***“Come away with Him.”***
He wants to ***love*** on you.
He wants to breathe the breath of life into you.
He desires to heal all your wounds and any of your dis-eases.
He wants to hold you close to His heart so that you can feel
each beat of His heart.
He so cherishes you.
He so delights in you.
He so thinks of you as His special princess.
When He looks at you, His eyes sparkle with delight.
He wears a smile on His face when He is invited into your presence.

Take those thoughts and hold them close to your heart. Unlike the wounding’s you have received from your marriage or relationship to an earthly man, He will never wound you, hurt you, reject you, criticize you, condemn you. He only wants to love you.

“This is what Yahweh, your Kinsman-Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: I am Yahweh, your God. I am the One who teaches you how to succeed and who leads you step by step in the way you should go. If only you had listened to my commands, then peace would have flowed like a river for you and success would wash over you like waves of the sea.” Isaiah 48:17-18 The Passion Translation, TPT

Again, I ask, can you come away with him? He is calling and He wants to be your Kinsman-Redeemer and redeem you. Will you let Him in?

Do You Believe You Have A Redeemer and Do You Know What is His Name?

His Name is Jesus. The Bible says He is your Redeemer, your Kinsman Redeemer. What is a Kinsman Redeemer? In the Hebrew culture He was a male relative who is responsible to move in, help, protect, or marry a relative who was in trouble or danger and needed to be redeemed from slavery. This individual would become like a *“savior”* or a *“protector”* for his *“next of kin.”* That is what Jesus became for us. He became our *“next of kin”* or our Kinsman Redeemer by dying for our sins and rising from the dead.

What can you expect from Jesus as your Kinsman Redeemer?

- ***He will redeem you.***
- ***He will defend you.***
- ***He will give you rest again.***
- ***He will give you peace, joy, and health.***
- ***He will love you and hold you close.***

Can you believe that? The choice must be made by you. But when you make the decision to believe, then He will fulfill the promise He gave. All you must do is believe because the Father moves on Faith ... not fear.

Kisses from your King

“But the one who redeems them is strong. His name is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. He will defend them and given them rest again in Israel. But for the people of Babylon there will be no rest.” Jeremiah 50:34 New Living Translation, NLT

I pray that you would hold onto the promise that He is your **redeemer**, and He will redeem you; He will defend you and He will give you rest. He will give you peace. He will give you love. He will give you protection. He will give you provision. He will fulfill each promise He has given you. Hold tight to Him!

As a Woman Redeemed wants you to know you can be redeemed as well!

What are some questions you would like answers to? Write them down and spend some quiet time with ABBA Father and ask Him for answers. When He answers, write them down so you can look them over from time to time. If you get no answer, be ok with that. In time the picture will be clearer, and you will have a complete understanding to your questions and peace will reign in your life.

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