

*“The Family In Need of Help”*

# I. Crisis in the Home

## *A. Divorce*

*“Too many people remain in unhealthy marriages that have none of what God says is important in marriage. Yet the reason they don’t get divorced is because the Bible is against it. And they say, “We just want to do what would be pleasing to God.” So they remain in a disconnected, hurtful marriage for six months, a year, ten years – even fifty years. Then they pat themselves on the back for caring about what God says about marriage, when there is no evidence in their marriage of what God truly wants. And all along they thought that God didn’t see the truth because they never got a piece of paper from the government saying they were divorced.”* - Jeff VanVonderen

*“There is evidence that many young people are moving toward embracing the idea of serial marriage, in which a person gets married two or three times, seeking a different partner for each phase of their adult life.” - George Barna*

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*C. Domestic Violence*

- One in 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women – more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.
- Every 9 seconds in the U.S. a woman is assaulted or beaten.
- Every year, 1 out of every 3 women who are murdered, are killed by a current or former partner.

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Suicide is the **SECOND** leading cause of death for ages 10-24.

More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, **COMBINED**.

Each day in our nation, there are an average of over 3,041 attempts by young people grades 9-12.



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## **Genesis 1:27,28**

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

## **Genesis 2:15**

Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

**Vs. 18** - Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

## Deuteronomy 4:9

“Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.

## **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

## **Judges 2:6-10**

The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel. Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred and ten. And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

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*“The secret of good family life is disarmingly simple: Cultivate the family’s relationship with Jesus Christ. There is no phase of family life left outside this relationship. There is no problem a family might face which does not find its solution within the scope of this objective.”*

*-Larry Christenson*