

## PARABLE OF THE WEAK MARRIAGE VOW



There was a notable young man who had set his eye upon a beautiful young lady for marriage. After a lengthy courtship, he determined to propose to her and ask for her hand in marriage. So, after bringing her to the finest restaurant at his disposal and requesting a quiet table in a secluded courtyard, he found the resolve to present his request.

Mustering all of his courage, and staring directly into her eyes, he begins...

*“Dear, for these many months we have spent much time together and I have found that I am in love with you. There is no other woman I would rather spend the rest of my life with than you and would like nothing more than to take you as my wife. Will you marry me?”*

Leaning back in her chair, she slowly and cautiously begins to offer her answer.

*“Well, I too am very attracted to you and feel that you would make a wise and excellent choice for a husband, as there is much you can offer. So, my answer is yes, I will marry you, but there is one condition,”* she replies.

*“What would that be?”* he inquires.

*“You mustn’t expect complete fidelity from me. I like men and I like a variety of men. I am only dust, as the Bible says, with a sinful nature; it would be unreasonable and even uncharitable for you to expect me to be faithful. So, I will marry you, but you will not tell me who I can sleep with.”*

As one would expect, the young man, prudent and wise, refused to enter into a covenant with what he now understood to be a harlot at heart.

And likewise, men who, even with *Jesus'* promise of full deliverance, have so little faith as to refuse to pledge complete and total fidelity, even under grace, are unfit for the kingdom of God.

Everyone expects their spouse, their humanity aside, to be faithful. This parable exposes the utter folly of such flimsy and weak excuses otherwise. If you are honest, you must agree that if your spouse offered the same excuses for infidelity as most professing Christians vainly attempt to offer for their sin, you would accuse them of waxing absurd. No one has an excuse to sin, no one. Sadly, we expect Jesus to tolerate more from his Bride, the Church, than we would ever tolerate from our own wives or husbands.

Hence, please quit twisting the Bible and attempting to make an excuse for your sin, you have none. Stop pleading for sin, you are only revealing that, in reality, you are just a whore at heart.

*“Having eyes full of adultery, and that CANNOT CEASE FROM SIN; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children...”*  
*-2 Peter 2:14*

One of the attributes of the false church and her converts is that they “*cannot cease from sin*”. Think about it, if the false church cannot stop sinning, then the true church, by grace, must be able to do so.