

# BETTER Together

## PART 4: BASED ON A TRUE STORY (JOSH BAYNE)

### INTRODUCTION

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis says: "Christians all regard divorce as something like cutting up a body, as a kind of surgical operation. Some of them think the operation so violent that it cannot be done at all; others admit it as a desperate remedy in extreme cases. They are all agreed that it is more like having both your legs cut off than it is like dissolving a business partnership or even deserting a regiment." In this message, Josh Bayne shares his divorce story through the themes of failure, forgiveness, and future.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever watched a friend or family member go through a divorce? Talk about what that was like for them and what it was like for you to observe.
2. Josh said one way to define failure is when your story doesn't hit your standard. Is there an area of life where you have experienced your story not measuring up to your standards? How did you deal with this tension?
3. In part one of the *Future Family* series, Andy Stanley said "Jesus always taught and pointed toward an ideal, but He didn't condemn people when they fell short." How can Christians model this in the world we live in today?
4. Read *Luke 23:34*. Can you think of a "they know not what they do" story from your own life? Where are you in the process of forgiving this person?
5. Josh talked about the importance of developing a plan when going through a divorce situation. What scriptures or advice would you point someone to who was trying to develop a plan for how to move forward in a God-honoring way mid-or-post divorce?
6. Read *Matthew 19:3-6*. What can married couples do to promote oneness in their relationship? For single adults, what can you begin doing now to prepare for a marriage that lasts?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.

**-Romans 5:3-5**