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Marriage & Divorce #2 – Law From Eden To Moses

1 Corinthians 7

**Married
Saints**

3-7

**10f
17-24**

27a

29-35

39f

**Un-
Married**

**1f
6f**

17-24

27b

**28
29-35**

Widows

**1f
6f
8f**

17-24

27b

**28
29-35**

39f

**Mixed
Married**

**6f
8f**

**12-16
17-24**

27a

29-35

39f

Virgins

**1f
6f**

**17-24
25f**

**28
29-35**

Parents

**1f
6f**

17-24

**29-35
36-38**

BETTER TO MARRY THAN BURN

REMAIN IN CALLED / CURRENT CONDITION

Paul Built on THAT Bedrock

- 27 out of 40 Verses -

Better To Marry Than To Burn

Remain In Your Called / Current Condition



Rather Than Sand

DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

Forbidding Marriage (1 Timothy 4:1-3)

Commanding Divorce (Malachi 2:16)

FORBIDDING MARRIAGE
REQUIRES (at least) 71 TIMES

MORE PEOPLE IN THE U.S.

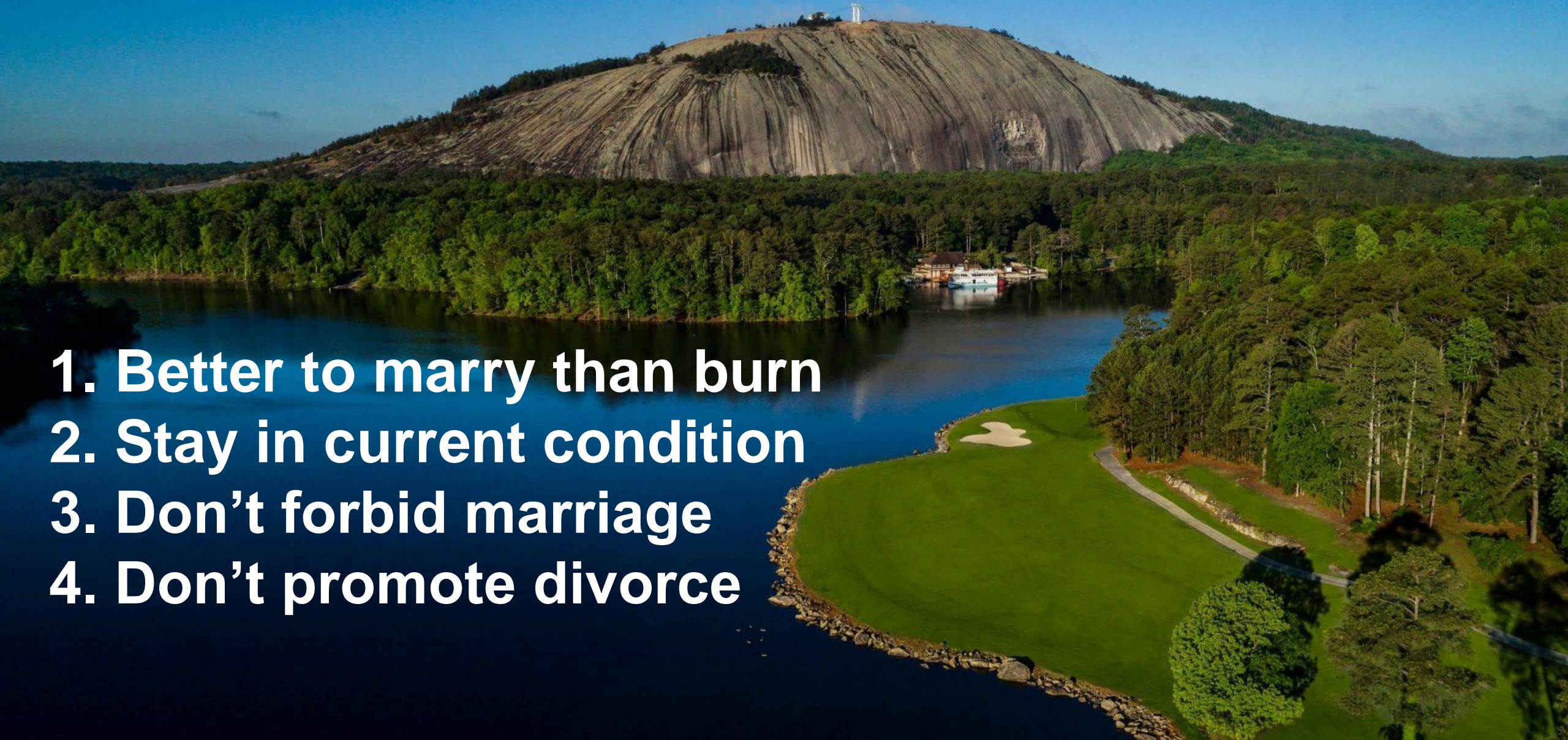
TO REMAIN CELIBATE

THAN THERE ARE

CATHOLIC CLERGY ON EARTH.

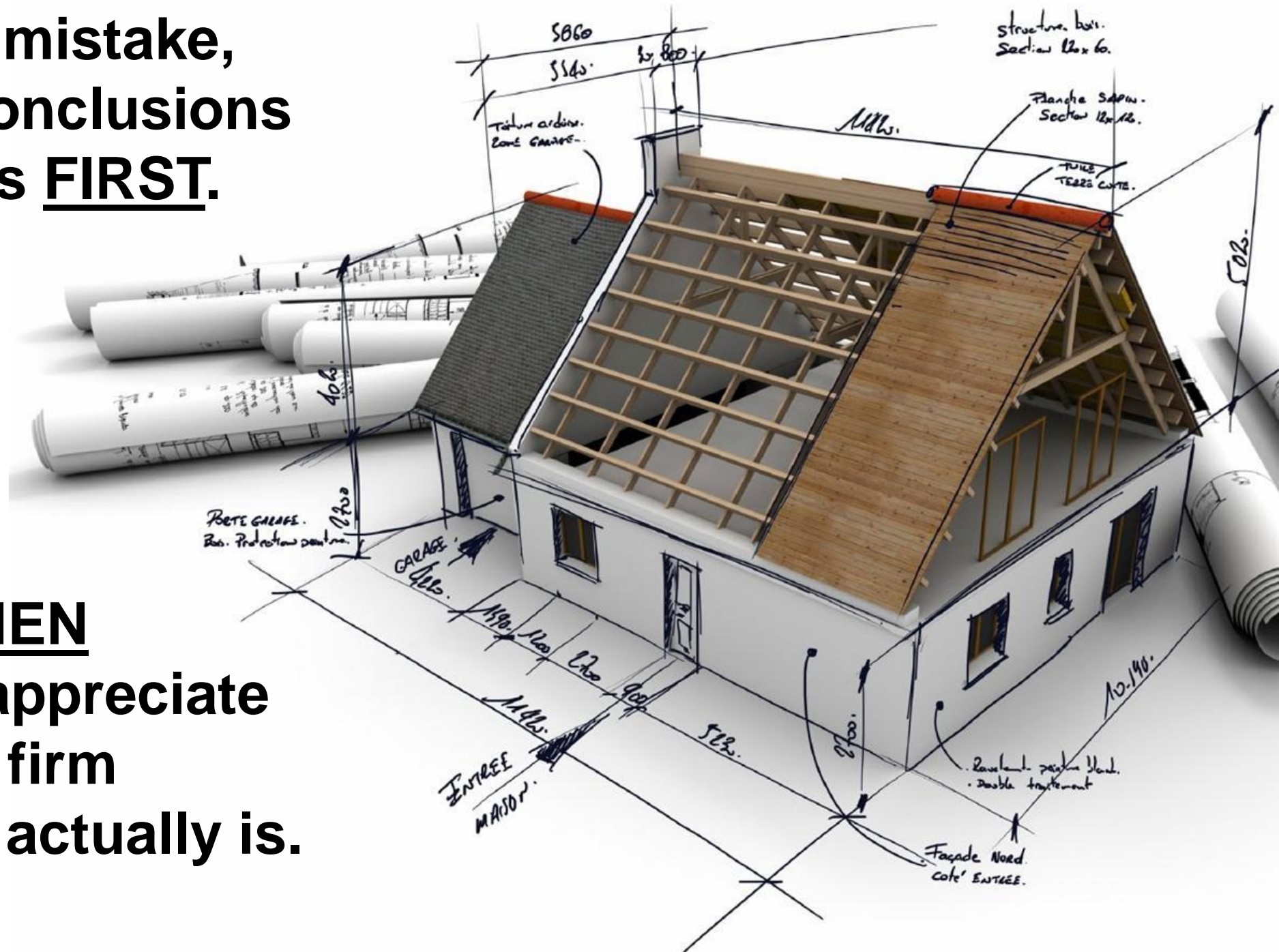
Four Bedrock Principles:

1. Better to marry than burn
2. Stay in current condition
3. Don't forbid marriage
4. Don't promote divorce



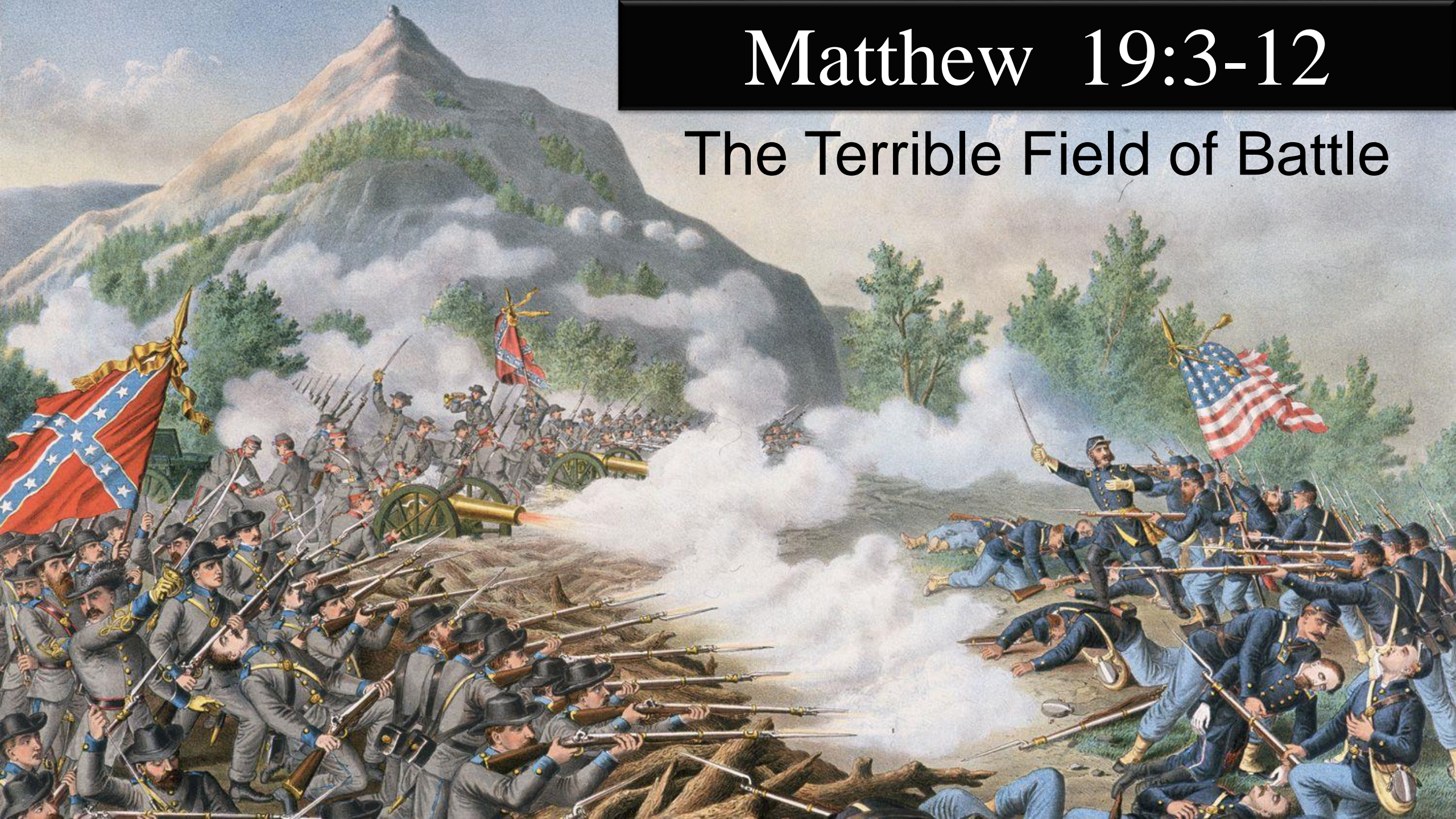
But make no mistake,
I reached my conclusions
on the verses FIRST.

Only THEN
did I come to appreciate
just how firm
this foundation actually is.



Matthew 19:3-12

The Terrible Field of Battle



3 Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" He answered and said, "Have you not read that which God made them from the beginning, male and female, and said, 'They shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce?" He answered and said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman, commits adultery."

Matthew 19:4, 8

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OLD TESTAMENT

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was the original author of the Pentateuch (Job—Song of Solomon—Deuteronomy), Historical Books especially by Jesus Himself (Luke 24:27), and Minor Prophets (Hosea—Malachi). This belief is confirmed by Pentateuch scholars alike both before and after the fall of the universe and planet earth. The historical books of the Pentateuch (Josh. 1:7, 8; John 1:17), and the origin of the nation and its sanctification (Ex.), preservation (Num.), and covenant responsibilities (Deut.).

Historical Books. The historical books of the Pentateuch trace some one thousand years of Israelite history, from the fifteenth to the fifth century B.C. They may be conveniently divided under four periods.

- I. *The Pre-Monarchic Period.* This period covers the life of Moses, from the time of his birth through the era of the Judges, until the selection of Saul as king (1 Sam. 8—10).
- II. *The Era of the United Monarchy.* This period covers the life of Saul, including the reign of David, and the death of Solomon.
- III. *The Divided Monarchy.* This period covers the reign of the kings of Israel and Judah, from the death of Solomon to the fall of the kingdom of Israel (722 B.C.) and the fall of the kingdom of Judah (586 B.C.).
- IV. *The Exilic and Post-Exilic Period.* This period covers the life of the Jews in Babylon, from the fall of the kingdom of Judah to the return to the land of Israel (539 B.C.).

Genesis 2:18-25

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.

“alone” does **NOT** equal “unmarried”

then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

22 The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed.

Genesis 4:1f

- 1 The man had relations with his wife Eve,
and she conceived and gave birth to Cain,
and she said,
“I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord.”**
- 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel.**

First instance of sexual activity

Genesis 4:16f

**16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord,
and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.**

**17 Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived,
and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city,
and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.**

**Apparently “incest” (brothers with sisters)
was perfectly legal before Moses Law (not after)**

Genesis 4:19-22

20 Adah gave birth to Jabal.

He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

21 His brother's name was Jubal.

He was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

**22 Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain,
the forger of all implements of bronze and iron.**

19 Lamech took to himself two wives.

The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

**Tents, Livestock, Lyres, Pipes, Bronze, Iron,
and Polygamy all perfectly legal before Moses**

POLYGAMISTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 16:1-3 ABRAHAM (2 wives and some concubines)

Genesis 22:20-24 NAHOR (1 wife & 1 concubine)

Genesis 29 & 30 JACOB (4 wives)

Genesis 36:1-3 ESAU (3 wives)

**ASHER, OBADIAH, JOEL, ISHAIAH, SHAHARAIM, CALEB,
GIDEON, ELKANAH, DAVID, SOLOMON, REHOBOAM,
ABIJAH, AHAB, JEHORAM, JOASH, JEHOIACHIN,
*“and those with them had many wives”***

**Both Polygamy and Concubinage were
perfectly legal before & during Moses' Law**

Genesis 12:11-19 Abraham & Pharaoh

11 When Abram came near to Egypt, he said to Sarai, “I know you are beautiful; 12 and the Egyptians will say, ‘This is his wife’; and will kill me, but let you live. 13 Please say you are my sister so it may go well with me because of you, and I may live.” 15 Pharaoh’s officials praised her to Pharaoh; and she was taken into Pharaoh’s house. 16 Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep, oxen, donkeys, servants, and camels. 17 But the Lord struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. 18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What have you done to me? Why did you not tell me

**Taking another man’s wife was WRONG
(sinful) before & during Moses’ Law**

Genesis 20:1-18 Abraham & Abimelech

6 God said to Abimelech in a dream, "I know in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. 7 Restore the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her, you shall surely die, you and all who are yours." 8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told them all these things; and the men were greatly frightened. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said, "What have you done to us? How have I

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Genesis 34:27-31 Shechem Rapes Dinah

27 Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field; 29 and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that was in the houses. 30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and my men being few in number, they will gather together against me

**Harlotry & Rape were
quite illegal (sinful) before & during Moses' Law**

