

Restoring Children of Divorce
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- A. Introduction
- B. Why must the church and Biblical Counselors counsel about divorce?
 - 1. 37.6% of all marriages in the US end in divorce

Roughly half of all children will see their parent's marriage dissolve

- 2. Secular research on the effects of divorce on children
- 3. How can we help?
 - Suffering children, suffering parents

- C. What do children of divorce experience?

- 1. Change in circumstances

Domestic violence

Pornography

Abandonment

Anger

In-law conflict

Lack of commitment

Money loss

Moves

Poverty

- 2. Strong emotions

Fear Psalm 23, Isaiah 41:10

Anger James 1:19-20, Prov. 29:11, James 4:1-2

Despair Psalm 23:3, Psalm 16, Phil. 4:4-9

Guilt 1 John 1:9

Panic attacks Phil. 4:4-9, 1 Cor. 10:13, Prov. 25:28

Confusion 1 Cor. 14:33, 2 Tim. 2:7

- D. Biblical Encouragement for children Matthew 19:14

1. Build relationship
2. Data gathering Prov. 18:13
3. The Goal of life
4. The arrow
5. The Y chart
6. People in God's word needed God's answers:

Genesis 32-50

Psalms 139

John 3:16

Romans 8:31-39

Romans 14:10-12

7. Teach lament
Lament Psalm 13

8. Biblical confidence

Where must their confidence be? In Christ!

The world says they must be resilient and learn to depend on themselves.

God says they are to come to him for the answers and hope that they need.

That is a sure foundation!

Children need Jesus and His power to heal. He is the one who:

Binds up their wounds Psalm 147:3

Hold their tears in his bottle Psalm 56:8

Listens to their cries for mercy Psalm 6:9

Loves them with an everlasting love Jeremiah 31:3

Died on the cross to pay for their sin Romans 5:8

Has power over sin and death Rev. 21:4