

Disloyal in Marriage

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 2:10-16 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Disloyal in Marriage," in the preaching series, "How's Your Heart?" It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 2:10

Questions for Reflection

- What family language ("one Father... one God") frames the issue of faithfulness?
- How does treachery among brothers and sisters profane the covenant?
- Where might you need to repair trust with someone close to you?
- How can you reflect God's covenant loyalty at home?

Questions for Children

- Who is our Father?
- How should we treat our brothers and sisters?

Prayer Prompt

Covenant-keeping God, teach us to be loyal and kind. Heal relationships we have harmed. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 2:11-12

Questions for Reflection

- What was Judah's unfaithfulness regarding marriage and worship?
- Why is mixing idolatry with marriage so serious?
- What boundaries protect your heart and home from false worship?
- How will you honor God in your closest commitments today?

Questions for Children

- What wrong choice did Judah make?
- Should we follow idols or God?

Prayer Prompt

Holy Lord, set our hearts apart for You. Keep our homes free from idols and compromise. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 2:13

Questions for Reflection

- Why did the people weep at the altar, and why didn't God accept their offerings?
- How does broken faith in marriage hinder worship?
- Where do your actions need to match your prayers?
- What step of repentance will you take to restore worship?

Questions for Children

- Why were people crying?
- Does God want us to be faithful?

Prayer Prompt

Merciful God, expose our hypocrisy and lead us to repentance so our worship may please You. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 2:14-15

Questions for Reflection

- How does God witness the marriage covenant?
- What is God seeking in marriage ("godly offspring")?
- How can you guard your heart and be faithful to your promises?
- What practice will help you nurture godliness in your family?

Questions for Children

- Who sees our promises in marriage?
- What does God want families to be like?

Prayer Prompt

Faithful Witness, strengthen our vows and make our homes places of godliness and love. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 2:16

Questions for Reflection

- What does God say about divorce and violence to one's garment?

- Why does He command, 'Guard your spirit'?
- Where do you need God's help to protect unity and peace?
- How will you practice faithfulness in word and deed today?

Questions for Children

- What does God think about breaking promises?
- How can we keep our hearts kind?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, guard our spirits from hardness and harm. Help us reflect Your steadfast love. Amen.