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Series: Reset
Part 1: Resent Your Marriage
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1. See if you can answer the introductory questions Ted asked and answered in the August 12th Marriage Sermon.

*Which state has the lowest percentage of divorced people? (**Massachusetts**)

*Which occupation has the lowest risk of divorce? (**Agricultural Engineer, that is farmer**)

*List the three other facts about increased or decreased risk of divorce Ted mentioned. (**A marriage where the husband has a higher BMI than the wife has a lower risk of divorce. Smokers have a 53 percent increased risk of divorce. Husbands who refuse to share housework with their wives have an 81 percent chance of divorce.**)

2. Even in the worst of marriages, what criteria is needed in order to have hope? (**Be breathing.**) (**Anyone who is among the living has hope . . . (Ecclesiastes 9:4.)**)

3. What do you need hope for today?

4. The church at Ephesus had many good qualities, including hard work and perseverance, but they had one problem: “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.”

*What kind of motives might Christians have for hard work besides love?

*What could it mean to “forsake the love you had at first”?

*Do you think you have or have you ever forsaken your “first love”?” Do you or did you repent?

5. What are the three steps the Christians were given to remedy forsaking their first love? (**“CONSIDER how far you have fallen! REPENT and DO THINGS YOU DID AT FIRST.”**)

6. In much the same way, couples can forsake their first love. Happily married couples and couples that divorce usually start their marriages satisfied. Then they follow one of two trajectories. What are they? (**They DECIDE to do healthy things or DRIFT apart.**)

6. What first drew you to your spouse? What did you discover about your mate after you were married? What has been your latest discovery?

7. What did you fight or argue about when you were first married? What have you fought about recently? How do you resolve conflict?

8. How are you and your spouse different? What do you like best about your differences?

9. What are the stages that often follow drifting? (**Disillusion, disconnect, divorce**)
10. What has kept you or others you know from divorce?
11. Which of the following did you do when you first married? Which do you do now?
- You anticipated intimacy.
 - You complimented one another.
 - You praised each other in public.
 - You touched each other a lot.
 - You spent quality time together.
 - You eliminated potential threats to your marriage.