

What Makes Tomorrow's Royal Wedding the First of Its Kind in Centuries

It's ironic that 82 years ago, King Edward VIII decided upon abdication of his throne as he was unable to marry the divorced American woman he loved, Wallis Simpson. Unlike his predecessor Henry VIII 400 years earlier who created his own Church of England to accommodate his divorce, culture had changed and divorce for was a bridge too far.

Even the current queen's sister, Margaret, 63 years ago was unable to marry her great love, Captain Townsend, as he too was a divorced man.

Tomorrow, however, we will witness a new dawn as Prince Harry, sixth in line to the throne, marries the American divorcee Meghan Markle at the Royal Chapel Windsor under the the cover of the Church of England.

Prince Charles, Harry's father and our future king, will give the bride away. Charles, no stranger himself to divorce, tragically lost his ex-wife on the streets of Paris. Everyone remembers young Harry escorting his mothers cortège on the day of her funeral some 20 odd years ago.

This problem isn't confined to the royal family. This is an ongoing saga of life in many families. We see heartbreak come in many guises, hearts broken in many places, and love struggling to conquer all.

Though the Bible tells us that God hates divorce for some very good reasons, we are also told that God is love. We must embrace both messages and move forward in expectation and hope for the future. Along life's way, there can and will be many turns, but we can be assured from Jeremiah 29 that God has a good plan for us.

This Millennial couple can impact many lives across the world and be an example in the years ahead.

We should, on the eve of their union, pray for them both and ask God to bless them, the work of their hands, and may His light shine upon them.

Though history has spoken, let the future write a new message.
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