

Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You stated that you are divorced because your husband left you. You said that you met a man whose wife left him for another man. Their divorce will be finalized on April 29th. In order to be obedient to God's instruction, you wondered what sort of relationship/communication you could have with him now.

We would advise that your communication with this man be of a purely general nature—platonic. Obviously, you would not “date” him or meet with him without others present. If you were to meet with him alone, others might perceive your actions in a negative manner. This man is married and will remain so until the divorce is finalized. Since you are a Christian, it is important that you respect and honor God's institution of marriage. Apparently, you have emotional feelings for this individual. Therefore, you cannot be a detached observer, but, instead, must be on guard that you not give in to your feelings. The best way to accomplish this is to distance yourself. You must remember that you have no part in this man's life right now. He and his wife, being in a waiting period before the divorce is final, may conceivably reconcile. By removing yourself from the situation, you may actually aid in that process. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:6)

We hope we have answered your question. May we suggest that you sign up for CQ Rewind at www.christianquestions.net. The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics (including marriage and divorce).

Sincerely,
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