

# “Is my situation fixable?”

*Married outside the Church. Divorced. Something worse. Read this first.*

**In short.** There is no sin the Church cannot forgive for someone who truly repents.<sup>1</sup> Divorced and remarried Catholics still belong and should keep coming to Mass, and many situations have a path; a priest can walk you through yours.<sup>2</sup>

## Key points

- There is no offense the Church cannot forgive for the truly repentant.<sup>1</sup>
- An annulment declares a marriage was never valid.<sup>3</sup>
- Confession is protected by absolute secrecy.<sup>4</sup>

## Try this, this week

1. **Read Luke 7:36–50.**
2. **Call the parish office** and ask for a private appointment with a priest.
3. **Write down** what you want to ask so you don't lose your nerve.

*“He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”*

Luke 7:48, World English Bible

## Common questions

**Remember: Most of the time, there's a path.**

## Sources

1. CCC 982
2. CCC 1651
3. CCC 1629
4. CCC 1467

Quotation above: Luke 7:48, World English Bible. Catechism: official text on vatican.va.

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