

Season 3

Episode 6: I Do

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Episode Information:

Jack makes a decision regarding Ben's offer, Kate feels helpless when it looks like an angry Pickett is going to make good on his threat to kill Sawyer, and Locke discovers a hidden message that may guide him through the next steps of his journey to unlocking the secrets of the island.

New Characters:

- Kevin Callis - Police Officer also Kate's Husband - Flashback off Island
- Suzanne - Kevin Callis' Mother - Flashback off Island
- Jacob - One of "The Others" - On Island

Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- "I Do" deals once again with Kate's need to run. In this particular lesson we will be focusing on her inability to commit.

Key Show Facts:

- "The Others" use Sawyer's life as a bargaining tool in order to force Kate to convince Jack to perform the operation on Ben.
- Jack tells Ben that his tumor will be inoperable within a week He agrees to perform the operation under the condition that Ben will help him escape the island.
- During the operation, Jack intentionally cuts Ben's kidney sack telling "The Others" to let Kate go or he will allow Ben to die.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Kate's past including an ex-husband and the predominant fear that if she stops running she will lose everything.

Time for speculation on the show – Sample Topics

- Is Ben Linus going to die?
- Before Jack begins the surgery, Ben inquires if Alex asked about him. Why?

Scripture: **Matthew 19: 1-12 (The Message)**

When Jesus had completed these teachings, he left Galilee and crossed the region of Judea on the other side of the Jordan. Great crowds followed him there, and he healed them. 3One day the Pharisees were badgering him: "Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?" He answered, "Haven't you read in your Bible that the Creator originally made man and woman for each other, male and female? And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh—no longer two bodies but one. Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, no one should desecrate his art by cutting them apart." They shot back in rebuttal, "If that's so, why did Moses give instructions for divorce papers and divorce procedures?" Jesus said, "Moses provided for divorce as a concession to your hard heartedness, but it is not part of God's original plan. I'm holding you to the original plan, and holding you liable for adultery if you divorce your faithful wife and then marry someone else. I make an exception in cases where the spouse has committed adultery." Jesus' disciples objected, "If those are the terms of marriage, we're stuck. Why get married?" But Jesus said, "Not everyone is mature enough to live a married life. It requires a certain aptitude and grace. Marriage isn't for everyone. Some, from birth seemingly, never give marriage a thought. Others never get asked—or accepted. And some decide not to get married for kingdom reasons. But if you're capable of growing into the largeness of marriage, do it."

- What does the teaching mean to you?
 - What is the main theme/point of the passage?
 - What does it imply in terms of commitment?
- What would it mean to Kate?

Clip 1 – Commitment – 13:03 – 15:30 – “I Do”

- What do you think of when you hear the word commitment?
 - What does it mean to you?
 - What do you think the definition is?

Definition: **com-mit-ment** - *noun*

Dictionary.com:

- 4. a pledge or promise; obligation
- 5. engagement; involvement
- 7. consignment, as to prison.
- 8. confinement to a mental institution or hospital:
- 3b. The state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to a course of action or to another person or persons

Urbandictionary.com:

- 1. Commitment is what
Transforms the promise into reality.
It is the words that speak
Boldly of your intentions.
And the actions which speak
Louder than the words.
It is making the time
When there is none.
Coming through time
After time after time,
Year after year after year.
Commitment is the stuff
Character is made of;
The power to change
The face of things.
It is the daily triumph
Of integrity over skepticism.

- 2. Something men are frequently afraid of. Proposal of this will most definitely end a relationship.
Example - Me: I love you. Guy slowly backs away then turns and sprints.

- How do you think Kate views commitment?
 - Do you think she is a committed person?
 - If so, to what is she committed?
 - On the island?
 - Before the island?

Clip 2 – Commitment – 18:03 – 20:26 – “I Don’t Want to Run Anymore”

- Why doesn’t Kate want to run anymore?
 - Is she committed to Kevin?
 - Why do you think she married him?
 - What does the marriage mean to her?
 - Are marriage and commitment the same to you?
 - Why?
 - Why not?
- What would you do if you were in Kate’s position?

Clip 3 – Commitment – 34:05 – 36:12 – “What If I Told You I Was A Fugitive?”

- If Kate loves Kevin, why then does she leave him?
- Who influences Kate’s behavior?
 - Why does she run again?
 - She says she doesn’t “do Taco Nights”... What does this really mean?
 - Do you think that Kate really knows who she is, what she does and doesn’t do?
- At this point we know Kate is intimately involved with Sawyer.
 - Do you think she’s committed to him?
 - Why did she choose him over Jack? Even Ben was surprised by this decision.
 - Does it have anything to do with the pattern of behavior we have seen?
 - Why or why not?
- Of the characters on the show, who do you think best exemplifies commitment?
 - What advice do you think this person would give Kate about commitment?
 - What advice would you give Kate about commitment?
- Leo Buscaglia: What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life.
 - What does this quote mean to you?
 - What do you think Kate would say if she heard it?

Devotional Activity:

Commitment: Think of something in your life that you would like to show more commitment toward. Take a scrap of paper from the pile and write down this one thing. It can be anything (ex. “My Relationship”, “My Job”, “My Parents”, “Having More Patience”). Write it in large bold letters across the top of the paper. Then, underneath it, write three ways in which you can keep yourself on track. When you go home, tape this paper to your bathroom mirror. Everyday, when you go to brush your teeth, look at the paper and take a moment to think about whether or not you have been taking your commitment seriously. If you have not, look at the list of means by which you intended to keep yourself on track, pick one, and exercise it that day. Remember that commitment is a personal thing, only you can hold yourself accountable, and only you can strive to be a better person!

Further Speculation:

- What’s going to happen next?

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Most recent episode also available at <http://dynamic.abc.go.com/streaming/landing> - streaming only.

Scripture courtesy of <http://www.biblegateway.com>. Definitions courtesy of <http://www.wikipedia.com>.

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