

GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP
COURSE 7: PASTORING MARRIAGE – CREATIONAL DESIGN (CONT.)
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THE SITUATION:

³ “Then some Pharisees came and tested Him by asking, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?’” Matthew 19:3 (BSB)

JESUS’ BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON MARRIAGE:

⁴ “Jesus answered, ‘Have you not read that from the beginning...’” Matthew 19:4 (BSB)

- **GOD’S _____ DEFINES GOD’S**

⁴ “...the Creator ‘made them male and female...’” Matthew 19:4 (BSB)

- **MALE/FEMALE _____ AND**

_____ **INDICATE THEIR INTENDED**

_____ **WITHIN MARRIAGE.**

⁷ “Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being....¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.” Genesis 2:7, 15 (BSB)

¹⁸ “The LORD God also said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper.’ ¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would name each one. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.” Genesis 2:18-20 (BSB)

²¹ “So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he slept, He took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the area with flesh. ²²And from the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man, He made a woman and brought her to him.” Genesis 2: 21-22 (BSB)

²³ “And the man said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of man she was taken.’” Genesis 2:23 (BSB)

⁵ “...and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife...’” Matthew 19:5 (BSB)

- **MEN ARE DESIGNED TO BE THE _____**

_____ **IN MARRIAGE.**

- **A MAN _____ A WOMAN INTO A _____ -**

_____ **FOR LIFE.**

- A WOMAN _____ OR _____
THE OFFER TO _____ A MAN ACHIEVE THAT
_____.
- BOTH SACRIFICE _____ FOR
_____.

⁵ "...and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'" Matthew 19:5 (BSB)

- THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS TO MARRIAGE:
 - THE _____ MADE
BEFORE _____.
 - THE _____ UNION.

⁶ "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Matthew 19:6 (BSB)

- ONLY _____ CAN _____ WHAT _____.

A PRACTICAL MOMENT...

- FOR MEN:
 - (SINGLE) KNOW _____ YOU ARE AND _____ YOU'RE FOR.
 - (MARRIED) _____.
- FOR WOMEN:
 - (SINGLE) BE _____.
 - (MARRIED) _____.

BOTTOM LINE:

GREAT MARRIAGES _____ ON _____

NEXT STEPS

- GNG MEET AND GREET
 - Immediately after both services in the Conference Room. Stop by to say "hi!"
- Q&A
 - There will be a Q&A after this series. Please turn in any questions via Connect Card or email, and JD will answer them in a live, in-person/livestreamed Q&A time to be announced in the coming weeks.