

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 2:18-25 // ¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The First Marriage Genesis 2:18-25

What is marriage?

I. A Partnership

- A. A partnership that wars against loneliness (v. 18a)
- B. A partnership that embraces help (v. 18b-23; Deut. 33:29)

II. A Bond

- A. A bond of exclusivity (v. 24a)
- B. A bond of oneness (v. 24b; Eph. 5:28-30)

III. A Shadow

- A. The eternal marriage (v. 21; John 19:34; Matt. 22:30)
- B. Christ's longing for his bride

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. How do you feel physically, spiritually, or emotionally lonely in your marriage? What causes you to feel lonely?
2. Do you feel needed by your spouse? How do you complement each other? What kinds of words and actions communicate partnership rather than coexistence?
3. Do you feel like a priority in your marriage? What causes you to feel nourished and cherished?
4. How does your eternal marriage to Christ shape your earthly marriage? How does your eternal marriage to Christ shape your longing for marriage?

MISSIONARY PRAYER // CAROL ARNOLD, EPI



Carol Arnold serves under Equipping Pastors International (EPI) which her late husband, Dr. Jack Arnold, founded. Together they served pastors in countries where there was no access to Biblical and theological training. Carol joined her husband in training pastors and their wives to have Biblical marriages. Carol travels about 3-5 times a year to many different countries where she is invited to be a conference trainer.

Carol gives praise that Daniel (pictured) through a ministry that her son Brian founded, Grace-Bound, was able to come with his father to Orlando, where a generous company, Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates, donated new state-of-the-art legs and two months of training. (Daniel lost his legs at age 3 when a motorbike fell on him and an incompetent doctor amputated both legs by mistake.)

Carol was recently asked, "Carol, when are you going to retire from traveling and teaching?" Her answer, "When one of three things occur: the support fades away, my health can't take it, or I stop absolutely loving what I do." So far none of these have happened! She has planned

speaking engagements for 2020 that include several mission conferences and women's retreats here in the states and she plans on continuing those even when the 24-hour trips to Africa get too difficult to endure.

Prayer Requests, for:

- Praise for the excellent conferences during her last trip, and for health and safety for her trips in 2020.
- Pray for her sister, Jony, an artist in Kenya. As different as two people can be, pray that the Lord will work in her heart.
- Pray for continuing fruit from the marriage conferences held in 2019 in Kenya, Uganda, and Burundi.
- Praise for Daniel's new legs.

For additional information see: www.equippingpastors.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // FEBRUARY 10 - 16

| Day | Date | Read |
|-------|---------|--------------------------|
| Mon | 2/10/20 | Matthew 21-22, Psalm 120 |
| Tues | 2/11/20 | Matthew 23-24, Psalm 121 |
| Wed | 2/12/20 | Matthew 25, Psalm 122 |
| Thurs | 2/13/20 | Matthew 26, Psalm 123 |
| Fri | 2/14/20 | Matthew 27, Psalm 124 |
| Sat | 2/15/20 | Matthew 28, Psalm 125 |
| Sun | 2/16/20 | Catch-up day, Psalm 126 |