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*Topic: Marriage*

*Today, Mande and I want to open up on a few things we have learned over the last 17 years of marriage and areas we are still trying to grow in.*

### **Foundation of Marriage:**

- Marriage was established by God
- *Genesis. 2:24, Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*
- God created man and woman and inside the context of marriage to become one flesh.
- Marriage exists to reflect the image of God.
- Marriage is sacred and holy.
- *Matthew 19:5-6, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

What would it really look like if Christians went ALL IN on the biblical concepts of marriage?

**World's Way VS God's Way**

- *Romans 12:2, Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

| <i>World's Way</i> | <i>God's Way</i> |
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One Man and One Woman in holy matrimony.

*Martin Luther ... "the ultimate purpose of marriage "is to obey God, to find aid and counsel against sin; to call upon God; to seek, love, and educate children for the glory of God; to live with one's wife in the fear of God and to bear the cross; but if there are no children, nevertheless to live with one's wife in contentment; and to avoid all lewdness with others."*

*Insights from Shannon and Mande*