

This is Us

marriage & family

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GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE: From Me to We

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Most people tend to look at marriage in the same way they look at their car:
I just want it _____, I don't want to have _____ on it.

“ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

1 PETER 5:8 (NIV)

GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE: GENESIS 2:23-25

“ This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.”

GENESIS 2:23 (NLT)

“ Now, at length, I have obtained a suitable companion, who is part
of the substance of my flesh, and in whom I behold, as it were,
another self.”

– John Calvin

“ The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by
him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

– Matthew Henry

“ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked,
and they felt no shame.”

GENESIS 2:24-25 (NIV)

MOVING FROM ME TO WE MEANS:

1 _____ past dependencies.

2 Being _____.

Hebrew: *dabaq*;

Implies permanence or indissoluble union: to
cling, stick, stay close, cleave, stick to, stick
with or follow closely.

God's Describes Marriage as a _____ not a _____.

3 Becoming _____.

The Result of Moving from Me to We: _____.

NOTES CONTINUE |»

THIS GENESIS 2 MODEL WOULD BE EASY IF IT WASN'T FOR GENESIS 3

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.”

JESUS AFFIRMS AND STRENGTHS GOD'S DESIGN

GENESIS 3:6-7 (NIV)

“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ **Therefore what God has joined together, LET NO ONE SEPARATE**”

MARK 10:6-9 (NIV)

FORCES WORKING TO SEPARATE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER

1 Exterior (*cultural*) Forces: Marriage is about _____.

Modern False Assumptions About Marriage

1. **Most marriages are unhappy** ... even though 2/3 of marriages considered unhappy that stay together are considered happy after 5 years.
2. **Living together before marriage is a great way to discover if we are truly compatible....** even though couples that live together before marriage have a higher rate of divorce and the earlier sex is introduced into a relationship the more likely it is to break up.
3. **The key to a lasting marriage is finding the one perfectly compatible soul mate...** even though the only person I can truly change in my marriage is me.

– Tim and Kathy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

2 Internal Forces | *Unrealistic Expectations – Attitude of Entitlement*

3 Wrong Focus

“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

HEBREWS 12:1-3 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1- What lessons did you learn about marriage as a child? Were they good or bad lessons? Who has been a great example of marriage to you?
- 2- How would you say attitudes toward marriage have changed in your life time?
- 3- Read Genesis 2:24-26. Of three parts talked about in these verse (leaving, being united, becoming one flesh) which do you think is the most difficult and which do think is the most inviting?
- 4- If you are married - was it difficult for you to “leave you father and mother?” If you have a child that is married has it been difficult for you to let them leave?
- 5- Jesus adds to the Genesis 2 passage that “what God joins together, let no-one separate.” What do you see as some of the biggest things that are trying to “separate” marriages these days?
- 6- Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can these verses help you in marriage?

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