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#### GOALS:

• Manage the expectations you have for your spouse.

• See marriage as a covenant rather than a contract.

• Help you WORK to make you marriage great.

#### WHY SHOULD WE WORK ON OUR MARRIAGE?

• Marriage is intended to bring out the best in us.

• It fulfills a deep longing we all have to truly be known.

• It is a picture of Christ's relationship with His people.

And the Lord God said, "<u>It is not good that man</u> <u>should be alone; I will make him a helper</u> <u>comparable to him</u>."

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

## Marriage is intended to make us better, more complete people.



"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And <u>they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not</u> <u>ashamed</u>.

Genesis 2:18, 21-25

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### **BEING TRULY KNOW:**

• Nothing hidden

• No pretending

• Complete trust

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### Our marriages are a picture of the Gospel where both of us get to play the part of Jesus.

## •Ask your spouse, "What are 5 things you need from me?"

• Share some fear/insecurity with your spouse and pray together.