Session 2

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"The difficulty with marriage is that we fall in love with a personality, but must live with a character." - Peter de Vries

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1. The Blessing of Covenant

    A. Genesis 2:22–24 - Two become One
    B. Mark 10:6-9 - It's permanent

2. The Blessing of Submission

    A. God
        a. Genesis 2:18 -22 ... I will make him a helper
        b. Ephesians 5:22-24 ... as to the Lord

    B. Spouse
        a. Spiritually - 1 Peter 3:1-6
        b. Emotionally - Proverbs 31:11-12; 1 Peter 3:1-5

3. The Blessing of Imperfection

    A. Deception and blame - Genesis 3:12
    B. Humility and repentance - Psalm 139:23-24

4. The Blessing of Unity

    A. Love - Ephesians 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Matthew 5:46
    B. Honor - 1 Peter 3:7
    C. Respect - 1 Peter 3:1-5
    D. Forgive - Hebrews 12:14–15

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. God intended marriage to be an inseparable union between husband and wife. Do you believe your marriage is a covenant? Do your words, actions, and heart display this to your spouse?

2. Conflict in marriage is inevitable, but can be an opportunity to bring unity where division exists. This requires spouses to choose love, honor, respect, humility, and forgiveness for one another, even when we don't feel it. Of these, which is the most difficult for you to do during conflict with your spouse? Why is that?

3. Are there topics in your marriage you avoid discussing because it creates conflict, but you desire unity with your spouse in these areas?

Together in prayer, thank God for your spouse and what He has already done in your marriage. Ask Him to move in the areas of your marriage where division exists. Examine your hearts for any area not aligned with His Word and where change is needed; begin with yourself.

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