

Sacred Marriage

God's Greater Design

What is God designed
marriage to make us holy
more than to make us happy?

God's Purpose for Marriage:
More Than We Can Imagine

“This is a profound mystery - but I am
talking about Christ and the Church.”

Ephesians 5:32

Instead of asking only:

“Is my marriage making me happy?”

Ask:

“Is my marriage making me more like Christ?”

“What is God doing through my marriage?”

God's Purpose for Marriage: Refining Power

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person
sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of faith
produces perseverance. Let perseverance
finish its work so that you may be mature and
complete not lacking anything.”

James 1:2-4

When conflict arises, don't ask first:
“How do I fix my spouse?”

Ask:
“Lord, what are You shaping in me?”

God's Purpose for Marriage: A God-Centered Spouse

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Stop focusing on what your spouse needs to change.

Start asking, “How can I love God more faithfully today?”

God's Purpose for Marriage: A Sacred History and Legacy

“Has not the one God made you?
You belong to Him in body and spirit.
And what does the one God seek? Godly
offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be
unfaithful to the wife of your youth.”

Malachi 2:15

Don't just "Seize the Day."

Live your marriage with eternal awareness.

Ask:

"What ordinary acts of love and perseverance will have eternal significance?"

God's Purpose for Marriage: The Love Laboratory

1 Corinthians 13

Let marriage teach you how to love
deeply, consistently, and sacrificially.