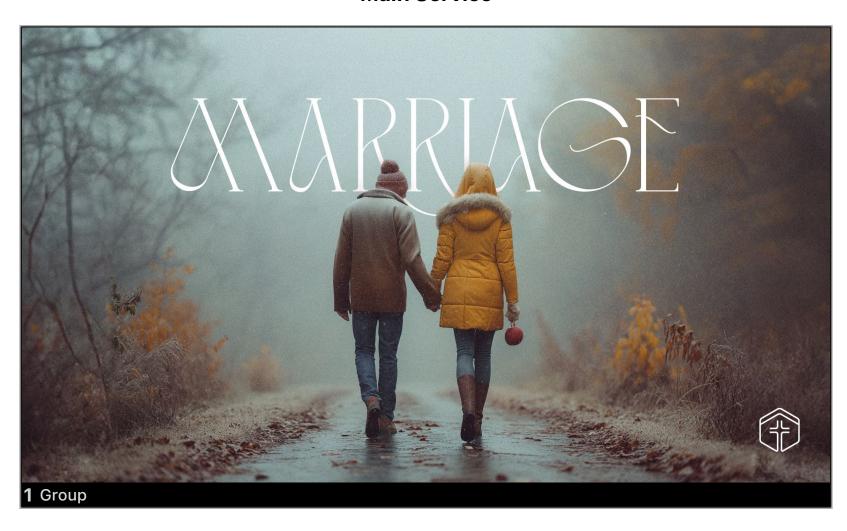
#### **Main Service**



*Romans* 11:36

**Commitment 1:** Listen and apply every truth we study. **Commitment 2:** Listen with an eye to yourself and not your spouse.

**Theme:** The enjoyment of marriage depends on our submission to the purpose for which God created all things.

#### Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup>For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? <sup>35</sup>Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

**3 Romans 11:33-36** Romans 11:33-36

#### Romans 11:33-36

<sup>36</sup>For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33-36

*Romans* 11:36

**Commitment 1:** Listen and apply every truth we study. **Commitment 2:** Listen with an eye to yourself and not your spouse.

**Theme:** The enjoyment of marriage depends on our submission to the purpose for which God's created all things.

*Romans* 11:36

**Truth 1:** Every Created Thing Finds Its Origin in God

## Genesis 1:1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**7** Genesis 1:1 Genesis 1:1

*Romans* 11:36

Truth 1: Every Created Thing Finds Its Origin in God

Truth 2: Every Created Thing Finds Its Continuance in God

#### Colossians 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**9 Colossians 1:16-17** Colossians 1:16-17

*Romans* 11:36

Truth 1: Every Created Thing Finds Its Origin in God

Truth 2: Every Created Thing Finds Its Continuance in God

**Truth 3:** Every Created Thing Finds Its Purpose in God

#### Romans 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine

**11 Romans 1:18-20** Romans 1:18-20

#### Romans 1:18-20

nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

**12** Romans 1:18-20

#### **Psalms 19:1**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

**13** Psalms 19:1 Psalms 19:1

*Romans* 11:36

Truth 1: Every Created Thing Finds Its Origin in God

Truth 2: Every Created Thing Finds Its Continuance in God

**Truth 3:** Every Created Thing Finds Its Purpose in God

*Romans* 11:36

**Westminster Catechism Question 1:** 

**Question:** What is the chief end of man?

**Answer:** To glorify God and enjoy Him forever

*Romans* 11:36

**Purpose 1:** You Were Created to Glorify God

#### Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

**17** Genesis 1:26-27 Genesis 1:26-27

### Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>27</sup>God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female Hecreated them.

**18** Genesis 1:26-27

*Romans* 11:36

#### **God has revealed Himself:**

- 1. In Creation
- 2. In His Word
- 3. In His Son

*Romans 11:36* 

Purpose 1: You Were Created to Glorify God

**Result 1:** Fear of God

### **Proverbs 1:7**

<sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**21** Proverbs 1:7 Proverbs 1:7

*Romans* 11:36

**Purpose 1:** You Were Created to Glorify God

Result 1: Fear of God

Result 2: Worship of God

Result 3: Obedience to God

*Romans* 11:36

**Purpose 1:** You Were Created to Glorify God

Purpose 2: You Were Created to Enjoy God

### **Psalms 37:4**

<sup>⁴</sup>Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

**24** Psalms 37:4 Psalms 37:4

#### **Psalms 16:11**

<sup>11</sup>You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

**25** Psalms 16:11 Psalms 16:11

#### **Psalms 73:26**

<sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**26** Psalms 73:26 Psalms 73:26

## John Calvin

We must therefore constantly recall to our minds this truth, that it can never be well with us except in so far as God is gracious to us, so that the joy we derive from his paternal favor towards us may surpass all the pleasures of the world.

**27** Psalms 73:26

#### 1 Peter 1:8-9

<sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

**28** 1 Peter 1:8-9 1 Peter 1:8-9

# Philippians 4:4

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

29 Philippians 4:4 Philippians 4:4

*Romans* 11:36

Purpose 1: You Were Created to Glorify God

Purpose 2: You Were Created to Enjoy God

Result 1: Affection for God

## Deuteronomy 6:4-5

<sup>⁴</sup>"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! <sup>⁵</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

31 Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*Romans* 11:36

Purpose 1: You Were Created to Glorify God

Purpose 2: You Were Created to Enjoy God

Result 1: Affection for God

Result 2: Fellowship with God

Result 3: Thanksgiving towards God

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always; <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing; <sup>18</sup>in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*Romans* 11:36

**Purpose 1:** You Were Created to Glorify God

Purpose 2: You Were Created to Enjoy God

**Truth:** Marriage was created for the glory of God and can only be properly enjoyed as an extension of our enjoyment of God.

*Romans* 11:36

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1. Is the glory of God your primary aim in life?
- 2. Is the enjoyment of God the source of your joy in life?