

Male, Female, and Forever Marriage

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How many of you are aware that somewhere inside of you, is the ability to be self-centered, defensive-unteachable, arrogant/prideful, judgmental, resentful (pack your grudge in the morning and take it with you), unforgiving?

It's all there

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

A noble action or profession does not make you a noble person

Great... so what do we do?

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. (Heart was the seat, not only of emotion, but also reason and character & ethics.)

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Satan is trying to pull the rug out from under society by removing the building blocks of humanity. The core, necessary elements of creation itself.

Number 1 – CREATION!

The beautiful and powerful difference between men and women.
Not only are we made differently, but we were made to BE different.
To function differently, and fill different AND distinctly defined roles.

Matthew 19:4 *Creation and then the foundation*

CREATION

Male - MEN

Female - WOMEN

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The maker and owner gets to set the terms and conditions.

MEN:

When you have been commissioned by God, you do not need permission from people.

Strength – Stability – Security

Men

Strength (In the word)

Stability

Security

Women

Caring - observational attentiveness

Compassion – BUILD UP!!!

Competent – wisdom she builds her house

Male zakar – leadership, responsibility, accountability, and sacrifice.

Female ne-qeba: Stewardship of the home, strength to the weary, guidance to the lost,

Woman: is not weak

- **Proverbs 31**
- **Titus 2** Focus is homemakers

Strong in society

Present in the home

Prioritizes her husband

Nurture, Compassion and Hospitality (What a woman can do to a house!!!)

You know who is building your husband up? No one!

You know who is building your sons up? NO ONE!!!

HELP MATE: one who brings aid, strength, or wisdom

You know who else is called a helpmate “ay’-zer”? **GOD!**

Exodus 18:4 ... “The God of my father was my help (ay’-zer), and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”

Deuteronomy 33:26 “There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help (ay’-zer), you, and in His excellency on the clouds.

Psalms 33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help (ay’-zer), and our shield.

Psalms 115:11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help (ay’-zer), and their shield.

- Interview Transcript -

Political analyst, Helen Andrews, assigns a collapse in society to the great feminization and feminine traits dominate historically masculine institutions. Institutions are just groups of people, and when certain groups are dominated by women, those institutions begin to function according to feminine impulses...

Here are a few examples

- Law schools went majority female in 2016
- Medical schools followed in 2019
- University faculty became majority female by 2023
- 54% of the Associated Press is now female
- College graduates are now 60% women
- HR departments across Fortune 500 companies are 75 to 85% female
- Psychology majors 80% female
- Public school teachers 77% female

Many of the culturally shaping institutions in America are now dominated by women.

Andrew's notes institutions run by large numbers of women shift the culture from confrontation to consensus. From competition to accommodation, from principal to sentiment. This isn't an insult. This is just biology. **Women ranked significantly higher and agreeableness, empathy and conflict avoidance compared to men.**

So what happens when feminine traits dominate fields that require ruthless consistency in raw truth, like law, governance, politics, military or police, or academia or theology. Well, you get a nation governed by feelings, not convictions. You get emotional management, not moral clarity.

The priorities of **masculine resolve** in advancement, shift toward bureaucracy and meetings and everybody is constantly concerned HR swells. Disagreements are essentially rebranded as aggression, tolerance becomes a virtue and success become secondary to managing people's feelings.

G.K. Chesterton once said, Civilizations crumble when they forget obvious truths. Biblically and historically, none of this should surprise us. Men are designed by God to lead, build, and protect. Women are designed to nurture, support and stabilize.

So, the rise of feminism is directly correlated with a decline of American strength. Now, if I had to sum up this whole thing in one sentence, it would be a nation cannot survive when it denies nature. **(Feminism vs. females)**

Wherever you heard that you are supposed to be independent, top of the food chain, career chasing, independent, obstinate person... it was not God and it is the opposite of your purpose. You'll wake up 30 years from now and realize that the lie was hollow and didn't satisfy... *much like the fruit in the garden that Eve was tricked into ingesting. Did not satisfy.*

Genesis Help - Team up and lets go!

Men

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Stability
Security

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Care - observational attentiveness
Compassion – BUILD UP!!!
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Matthew 19:4-6

Creation – male & female

Foundation – marriage of one male to one female

Foundation

Source: Institute for Family Studies (IFS).

Strong marriages create long-term outcomes that benefit:

- Economic mobility (Keep money steady)
- Public health
- Crime reduction
- Mental health stability

Married adults have **significantly lower levels** of alcohol and drug abuse.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Marriages create stronger Civic Engagement

Married citizens are **more likely to volunteer**, vote, and participate in community organizations. **Singleness creates selfishness**

Source: Putnam, *Bowling Alone*.

Marriage boosts economic stability

Source: Killewald & Gough, *American Sociological Review*.

- Married men earn **10–40% more** than single men with similar education and backgrounds.
- Married households accumulate **up to 4x more wealth** than single or cohabiting households.

Source: Zagorsky, *Review of Economics of the Household*.

Married adults are healthier

- Married adults have **lower mortality rates** than single, divorced, or cohabiting adults.
Source: CDC, National Health Statistics Report.
- A stable marriage reduces the risk of:
 - Heart disease by **up to 14%**
 - Stroke by **up to 21%****Source:** American College of Cardiology, “Marital Status and Cardiovascular Outcomes.”

Healthy marriages improve mental health

- Married adults experience **lower rates of depression and anxiety**.
Source: CDC, “Marital Status and Health.”
- **Source:** Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry.
- Children living with married biological parents show **better emotional regulation** and lower incidence of behavioral disorders.

Strong marriages reduce government spending

Family fragmentation (divorce and unwed childbearing) costs U.S. taxpayers **\$112 billion per year**. **Source:** Institute for American Values, “The Taxpayer Costs of Divorce and Unwed Childbearing.”

- Increasing marriage rates would **significantly** reduce:
 - Welfare spending
 - Foster care rates
 - Medicaid expenditures**Source:** Heritage Foundation, “Marriage and Social Wellbeing.”

KID FOCUSED

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH).
Children from intact homes are **less likely to use drugs** or abuse alcohol.

Children from healthy marriages perform better academically

Kids from married, low-conflict families score **higher on reading and math**, even when controlling for income.

Source: Marriage & Family Review.

Students living with married parents are **two times more likely** to graduate college.

Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY).

Healthy marriages reduce crime

- Boys living without their biological fathers are **two to three times more likely** to commit a crime and end up in jail.
Source: Harper & McLanahan, *Children and Youth Services Review*.

- Neighborhoods with higher marriage rates have **significantly lower violent crime rates** even after adjusting for income and race.

Source: Sampson, *Great American City*.

Strong marriages reduce poverty

- Children raised in married, two-parent homes are **82% less likely to live in poverty** compared to those in single-parent homes.
Source: Brookings Institution, “Three Simple Rules Poor Teens Should Follow to Join the Middle Class.”
- If marriage rates returned to 1980 levels, **child poverty would drop by 20%**.
Source: Robert Lerman & Brad Wilcox, AEI/Institute for Family Studies (IFS).

Change the way you think about marriage

Change the way you talk about marriage

PS. Marriage is hard because you are a sinner.

: When Marriage Breaks Down, Societies Eventually Break Down (Not a cultural construct)

1. Roman Empire – Family collapse preceded social collapse

- As Rome declined, **marriage rates dropped, birth rates collapsed, and divorce and infidelity soared.**
- Historian Carle Zimmerman notes:
“Rome’s final decline was preceded by a rapid breakdown of family structure and parental authority.”
- The empire relied on foreign recruits to fill its armies because Roman families were no longer producing children.

Key markers historians identify in Rome’s decline:

- Declining marriage and fertility rates
- Rise of cohabitation and easy divorce
- Weakening of paternal authority
- Decline in social cohesion and civic virtue (Less patriotic)

2. Ancient Greece – Decline in marriage & birth rates weakened society

- In Athens and later in Sparta, historians note a dramatic **fertility collapse** linked to declining marriage commitments and rising sexual individualism.
- *Aristotle warned that a society loses stability when citizens avoid marriage and children.*
Result: A shrinking population made the Greek city-states militarily and economically vulnerable.

3. Early Chinese Dynasties – Family disorder marked societal disorder

- Confucian tradition emphasized **family order as the foundation of national order**.
- The Chinese Dynasties entering decline consistently experienced:
 - Breakdown of family solidarity (Harmony, cohesion, commitment)
 - Lower marriage stability
 - Rise of fatherlessness
 - Declines in familial responsibility

Chinese historians often described dynasty collapse beginning with “the loss of family virtue.”

4. The French Revolution – Breakdown of marriage and religion led to chaos

- Leading up to the Revolution, there was a significant weakening of:
 - Marriage norms
 - Parental authority
 - Religious constraints

- Alexis de Tocqueville wrote:

“The old moral ties had been broken before the political order fell.”

Result: Social instability, violence, and demographic decline.

5. Soviet Union – State attack on family accelerated erosion of society

- Early Bolshevik reforms intentionally weakened marriage through:
 - No-fault divorce
 - Abolition of marital obligations
 - Normalization of cohabitation

- The result was **mass fatherlessness**, declining birth rates, and social instability.

Lenin eventually reversed many policies because the social chaos was too great.

6. Industrial England – Family breakdown contributed to social disorder

- During early industrialization, marriage instability and fatherlessness spiked.

- Social reformers (like William Booth and Lord Shaftesbury) warned that:

“The collapse of the home is the collapse of the nation.”

Outcome: Crime, poverty, and child labor soared until reforms restored family-centered norms.

7. 20th-century Western nations – Decline in marriage correlates with societal strain

Across the U.S., U.K., and Europe, sociologists have repeatedly shown:

- As **marriage rates fall**
- And **divorce and fatherlessness rise**
- Societies experience increases in:
 - Crime
 - Poverty
 - Mental illness (Which has been peaking at its highest rate of instability since the founding of our nation.
 - Government dependency
 - Social distrust
 - Lower birth rates (below replacement) – China is gone in 2050

*Many Western nations are now experiencing “**demographic collapse**” tied directly to the decline of marriage.*

When marriage collapses, societies typically follow this path:

1. Declining marriage
2. Lower birth rates
3. Breakdown of parental authority
4. Rise in fatherlessness
5. Social disorder (crime, poverty, distrust)
6. Economic weakness
7. Political instability
8. A decline or total collapse of a Civilizational

NO DOOMSDAYERS – LET’S GET TO WORK

LET’S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!!

We as a church are setting out to disciple boys into men, girls into women, mom’s and dad’s into generation builders, husbands and wives into intimately unified forces of God and the devil won’t know what hit him. We will start in 2026... it will take the rest of our lives.

- Women - Men – Marriage

Satan has given it his best shot... but now it's time for the church to put it's armor on and go to war against the principalities and powers of darkness.

Marriage: It's the bedrock of society, but not of Idaho

Idaho currently ranks the second-highest divorce rate in the country.

Quiet Quitting: 2/3 of divorces happen in low-conflict homes.

Are you ok, if things are not ok?

Flat tier analogy

People have traits (personality)

Marriages have states (quality and experience)

Traits are usually fixed and immobile

States can be changed and improved

100% free

100% anonymous

100% I NEED YOUR HELP!!!

I am asking you to put your hobbies second, and God and people first

2026 we are going to disciple people into their identities in Christ and marriages.

NEVER FORGET Greatest Commandment.

VISION & HOPE

This isn't a test with right or wrong answers.

It's an opportunity to listen well, stay curious, and see where your hearts are aligned and where they may need tending.

As you share, try to lead with openness rather than defensiveness. Affirm what you hear.

Because it isn't important to you... you feel like it shouldn't be important to them.

Dwell with understanding (BOTH OF YOU)

Don't be defensive

Don't communicate with accusations

Last request...

I want you to QUIT!!!

Quit on what you think God can't or won't do.

Feel like you're lost in the wilderness? God's got it!

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Crossing the Jordan into the promised land

Joshua 3:5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

we worship **THE SAME GOD**

- The God who caused a little shepherd to take down a giant warrior,
- The God who closed the mouths of lions for Daniel,
- The God who brings the dead back to life,
- The God who walks in to the wilderness, finds lost sheep, and brings them sheep home,
- When Peter had lost sight and was sinking in the storm, the God who pulled him back to safety

The God we worship is the **SAME GOD**

The God we follow is the **SAME GOD**

The God we belong to is the **SAME GOD**

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For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry