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# Marriage is a picture of the relationship between us and God

God created marriage and designed it with a specific plan and purpose When we ignore His design, it leads to confusion, chaos, pain and suffering

"Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he

created them."

Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not

Keeping God first will keep our marriage in order

Genesis 2:24-25

## ashamed.



## Marriage is a picture of the relationship of Christ and the Church

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#### Ephesians 5:31-32



### Designer Marriage is based on a Covenant with God

hard work

### Designer Marriage, not Default Marriage

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### sacrifice intentionality

### Designer Marriage first priority

### other focused (not about me)

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### lives out honor through love and respect

### Designer Marriage

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:25-28

### lives out honor through love and respect

## Designer Marriage

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:31-33

#### lives out honor through love and respect

Husbands need respect

Wives need love

### **Designer Marriage** lays down the foundation for our children by our modeling

#### celebrating each other

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### forgiveness

#### through resolving conflict well

you would like an impartation of hope, joy or new life

### need physical healing

### you need to know God hasn't forgotten you

need someone to walk with and pray with you in general