

BOO'D UP...GOD'S WAY

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You don't have to be married to be **happy and **complete**!**

Marriage was the very **first institution created by God.**

MARRIAGE STATISTICS

- **Only half of all adults in the United States are married, a record low.** (The book: "Is Marriage for White People")
- **Around 45% of marriages end in divorce. Out of those who stay married, only 17% say they are happy.** (Pew Research Center)
- **African Americans have become the most unmarried people in our nation. We are the least likely to marry and the most likely to divorce.** (The book: "Is Marriage for White People")
- **Half of Black Couples divorce within the first ten years of marriage, while less than a third of White couples do so.** (The book: "Is Marriage for White People")
- **Only 3 out of 10 Black women are married. 50 years ago, 9 out of 10 black women were married.** (The book: "Is Marriage for White People")

**The primary purpose of marriage is not our happiness,
it is to **reflect the image of God.****

As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NLT)

Being Boo'd Up God's Way Requires That You...

1. **Commit** to your spouse. (The Process of Leaving)

*That is why a man **leaves his father and mother** and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. **Genesis 2:24 (NIV)***

2. **Connect** with your spouse. (The Process of Cleaving)

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. **Genesis 2:24 (NIV)***

3. **Conform** to your spouse. (The Process of Weaving)

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. **Genesis 2:24 (NIV)***

4. **Communicate** with your spouse. (The Process of Believing)

*Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. **Genesis 2:25 (NIV)***

