

Marriage Series - Puzzled - YOU COMPLETE ME

Little girls / perfection—>you are the missing piece to my puzzle - we complete each other sentences

When Single we think relationship will make us complete - I have meaning if I mean something to someone

When married we look to our spouse to make us complete - ID comes from them

- Pretty??? - If he struggles with sin, must be something wrong with me / no he's just incomplete

**We start living to please them and not God - spouse becomes IDOL dictating our feelings, life etc

God never intended marriage to complete you: He intended marriage to complete the picture of Christ's Love for His church

—>**to have a complete picture, both ppl must be whole**

—>**no beautiful marriage exists with only 1 whole person**

James (the bro of Jesus - no pressure/ID struggle) 1:4 - Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete (perfect), not lacking anything. **Complete - to make whole or perfect**

God wants you to be complete, lack nothing God wants your marriage to be complete, "perfect" lacking nothing —>How do we get there? How do we complete this puzzle?

Point to puzzle **Puzzle missing pieces** = have you ever felt like this? Relationship had GAPS —>

>>>Somethings missing, doesn't FEEL right, never quite what I dreamed of.... always comparing my picture to someone else —>**whats missing in HIM?? IF ONLY HE...**

—>**bc many feel that marriage will COMPLETE THEM and give them purpose**; when they marry and still feel incomplete, lonely, hurt, unloved, unattractive, unfulfilled, insecure, they assume **I MUST OF MARRIED WRONG PERSON**

MAY I SUGGEST today, that IT HAS LITTLE to NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM

***best couple advice—>my husband is.... (I listen & say) leave him alone and focus on God fixing u

—>you cannot control them, you can control you! Work on you and pray for them ->let God fix them.

Even when I cant trust them, I can trust God!

HOW DO I GET THE PERFECT/COMPLETE MARRIAGE

#1 - Understand the purpose of ME.—>Know who I AM; Seek wholeness alone!

****Attack on identity** - enemy is afraid of you understanding who you are & being complete in Christ

*No matter your past—> 2 Cor 5:17 - if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creature, the old is gone &

Ps 139:14 - I am fearfully and wonderfully made / before He formed me in the womb He knew me

Genesis 1:27 - God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female, He created them.

Male and Female display the nature of God on the earth - you were created as a *carrier of Gods likeness on the earth as individuals.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price.

Know who you are! Understand your **value** and your **purpose** as a God carrier on earth!

Both men and women are **as valuable in Gods eyes single as the are married.**

A change in role does not equal a change in identity.

—>Married/single mom/not a mom manager/unemployed pastor/greeter

NO ROLE CAN TRUMP YOUR IDENTITY!

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—>find completeness/perfection/identity/purpose from GOD ALONE

HOW DO WE GET THE PERFECT MARRIAGE 1)know who you - I have to understand the purpose of ME

#2 - Understand the power of WE. —>the power of AGREEMENT

- ◆ **AGREEMENT** - to be in unity, speaking and *championing the same vision*. It is to stand as **ONE**
- ◆ Agreement is **SYNERGY** - the working together of *two things to produce an effect greater than the sum of their individual parts*; (what I am a part of is bigger than the part that I play)

Agreement is not - liking the same ice cream, movies or style of house - its much deeper (ERIC outfit)

Ever feel like you are Walking in circles in life/marriage? 2 steps forward/3 steps back

Amos 3:3 - Can two walk together unless they agree?

To walk out the plan God has for you and to create the beautiful picture God intends for your life and marriage to create - **you must walk in agreement with 1) God and His word 2) your spouse**

Agreement blockers - unequal yoked -car out of align/hi-heel & UGG —>hidden thing; sin; dishonesty
->kid centric marriage —> parents who are not in agreement produce confused kids

Difference between alignment and agreement:

- **Alignment means I'll follow you.** Walk in line - follow the leader : bc you say so, or I have to
- **Agreement means I believe with you/same vision.** THIS IS WHERE THE POWER COMES!
->Alignment follows wife to church / Agreement leads family to church together, serves together
The power comes in agreement - when we attach and become one - championing the same vision - goals - speaking the same thing.... as ONE (puzzle)

THERE IS POWER OF AGREEMENT - We must understand the power of Agreement.....

Genesis 1:27 - God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female, He created them.

Genesis 1: 28 - God blessed them and said to them “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. (Subdue - have dominion/rule; to have authority over)**

Genesis God tells us in 1:27 - know I created you individually to carry my likeness on the earth

Gen. 1:28 - understand the power of WE; understand the power God created WE to have

When WE come into agreement —> God said to expect multiplication & dominion/authority!!

Walking in agreement with God + walking in agreement with spouse = multiplication & dominion!!

Agreement: -Builds a wall around your kids - no sex/drugs/ rebellion - protection

- kills debt - fights off sickness & disease - generations reap Heritage of Godliness

1 can put a thousand of the enemy to flight, 2 can put 10,000 to flight

Agreement Gets Gods Attention - Are you needing Gods attention? Answered prayer?

Psalm - Where there is unity, God commands a blessing

Mt 18 :19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”

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TOWER OF BABEL - GEN. 11:5 - Now the Lord came down to see...And the Lord said, Behold they are one UNIFIED people, and they all have the same language (believing and speaking the same thing). IF as ONE people speaking the Same thing they have done this, then **NOTHING they plan to do will be impossible for them.**"

The enemy knows the POWER OF WE that God gave us more than we do - Why do you think he's fighting **marriage between 2 people male/female **who know their identity**

Why does **divorce** take such a toll on a family, children, adults, **Agreement is broken/ authority is given up** → we don't realize the effect of broken agreement in our lives

→ **broken agreement effects the dominion we have here on earth - gives up authority.**

??????STATS ON DIVORCE AND EFFECTS ON CHILDREN

- The DEATH of a Parent is LESS Devastating to a Child than Divorce.
- Following divorce, children are fifty percent more likely to develop health problems than two parent families.
- A study of children six years after a parental marriage breakup revealed that even after all that time, these children tended to be "lonely, unhappy, anxious and insecure."
- Teens who experience a divorce of their parents are 2X more likely to attempt suicide
- 300% more likely to need psychological help within any given year

*******Parents/Couples - don't be ignorant to the enemies devices - recognize what the enemy is after - he's after the dominion power you and your spouse have in AGREEMENT - he's after your authority**

Final Step to the Perfect Marriage:

James 1:4 - Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete (perfect), not lacking anything. The perfect marriage perseveres!

1 Cor 13: 7-8 - Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres!!!

Marriage - example to the world of Gods love for us -never fails, never ends, never runs out
Where can I go from your presence, where can I flee - if I make my bed in hell..... book of Hosea

Altar / To go box: #1 - **Deal with you first!** What areas of your life are not in agreement with God and His word? What areas do you feel incomplete that you need God alone to complete you?

#2 - I want to pray with some couples that feel like giving up - you need to get in agreement with one another and God's plan for your marriage and **decide together to persevere!!**