

Behind Family Lines 04: "Oneness"

Genesis 2:18-25

Main Idea: Oneness is the goal in marriage, NOT fulfillment.

The Problem: Marriage is not about fulfillment.

Personal fulfillment is why many people get married and it makes sense at first glance. You make me happy and I make you happy. Let's get married and make each other happy for the rest of our lives. This is how it feels in the beginning. This becomes the responsibility of each spouse and if anything changes, couples question the relationship.

Marriage and Culture

There is a stark contrast between biblical marriage and marriage as portrayed by culture. Many believe that marriage is fulfilling when we find the right person. Everything is based on chemistry. You have no responsibility. You just need to find the right person. That is exactly opposite from the Bible. Culture says, "find the right person." God says, "be the right person."

2 BIG Problems

Searching for fulfillment in marriage means that personal gratification is now the goal. Because culture believes that marriage is a means to fulfillment, if the relationship you are currently in no longer meets your personal needs, you move on to one that will. This reveals the second problem – **a take it or leave it mentality.** Marriage is no longer viewed as sacred or even special. It is merely another way for people to "**couple-up,**" a way of being sexually and emotionally gratified, having no more moral or social significance than two people living together.

God's Design for Marriage = Oneness

1. **God's purpose for marriage is for male/ female completion.** Adam's "alone-ness" was a result of having no one to complement or complete him (everything from biological to complex psychological and spiritual completeness).
2. **Marriage between a man and a woman is fundamental.** Marriage is the very first institution that God created. It is the primary institution of society.
3. **Marriage between a man and a woman is the foundation for family.** God designed the husband-and-wife relationship as the primary relationship of the family. This is undeniably the best environment for rearing children.

Family Night Big Idea

The greatest gift a parent can give their child is a visible, loving portrait of oneness in marriage. Parents are called by God to demonstrate oneness in the home.

Discussion Starter – Read Genesis 2:18-25

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What was 'not good' about man when God created him?" Ask, "What makes woman different from the rest of God's creation?" Ask, "What did God use to create the woman?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "How are men and women different from each other?" Ask, "How are those differences complementary?" Ask, "How then do men and women complete one another?"

Prayer

"Father, thank you for creating men and women equal and yet different. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet at the church this Wednesday, March 1

Gravity: No Gravity this Sunday

Today's Songs

Awesome is the Lord Most High.....Chris Tomlin

Goodness of God.....Bethel

All My Fountains.....Chris Tomlin

SubSplash

We are going to use new software in the near future. You can go to the AS or Google Play and type in GCC Statesboro, look for our logo and install the new app. You then have access to everything including messages and giving, events and Right Now Media there on your phone.

Open House

Next Sunday, March 5, everyone is invited to visit the completed KidsJAM and new lobby. Kids will have class in their new building and our renovation will be completed!!

College Group

A new small group of college age students will start meeting soon on Wednesday evenings in the new lobby area. Use the Communication Card if you want more information.

Ladies Group

The ladies are invited to a Bible Study beginning March 15th from 6:30-8:00pm here at the church. It will last for 7 weeks and meet in the Community Room. Sign up in the lobby. Contact Kim Fowler for more information @ 912-618-8177.