



The Lord's Day Morning — June 30, 2024

III. Wisdom for Relationships: Parenting, Friendship, and Marriage
"Marriage"

Genesis 2:24–25; Proverbs 18:22, 19:14, 27:15–16, 5:15–19

1. Marriage today: Contracts and assumptions

2. Echoes of Eden: God's structure and fallen human structures
 - Leave

 - Be united

 - One flesh

 - Cohabitation and its logic: "Marriage is a social construct."

 - Cohabitation and its forms: accidental, experimental, pre-marital, serial

3. Marriage and romance – Proverbs 5

4. The gift of a good spouse

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Is your marriage more face-to-face or side-by-side? Why?
How can you make more face time?
2. If you could spend several days alone with your spouse, what would it be like? What might you learn?
3. Of the three elements, leaving, being united and becoming one flesh, which have you done best in your marriage? Why? Worst? Why?
4. Why is it important to think of marriage as a covenant rather than a contract or a decision?
5. Think of the principles for marriage that apply to all relationships: friendships, other familial relationships, even close work relationships.