



Sermon Title: What Marriage Is - Part 3

Series: First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage

Passages: Genesis 4

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How long do you think it took Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit?

Acts 17:26

And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.

Acts 17:27

That they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

Genesis 4:1

Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a man child with the help of the Lord."

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

A Godly marriage understands the difficulty of populating the earth with children who have a sin nature.

Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Ephesians 1:14

Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Were Adam and Eve successful in raising children who bore the image of God?**Hebrews 11:4**

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

How do we raise our kids who are prone to sin to give them the best opportunity to be Godly?

Cultivate an environment where discipleship can be emulated.

Teach them to ask questions about the things that are confusing to them about God's word.

Cultivate an understanding of the sins they are prone to commit.

Don't underestimate the importance of Godly friendships.

Learn to focus on their gifts and talents and encourage them to use them for God's glory. Pray for wisdom. Pray for discernment. Pray for patience.

A Godly marriage teaches their children how to Weave, Leave, and Cleave.

Genesis 2:24-25

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

What does the process of weaving a family together look like?

Weaving means acknowledging, accepting, appreciating, and adjusting to our differences in how we were raised.

Weaving means implementing the principles of unity, transparency, and trust.

Weaving means recognizing that to be honored we must live honorable lives.

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Weaving means preparing our children for leaving and cleaving.

What does the process of leaving a family look like?

Leaving is not a one-time event but one that must be demonstrated year after year.

What does the process of cleaving together look like?

Deuteronomy 13:4

You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

Matthew 19:6

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.

Consider how to limit the involvement of time with your families and set boundaries.

Seek to keep personal issues between you and your spouse.

Learn to say no to excessive demands outside of the marriage relationship.

Develop your own social circle and calendar of events.

Seek ways to grow spiritually together.

Respect your spouse's wishes over your parent's wishes.

Seek to function as a financially independent unit from your parents.

Develop and establish traditions for your new family.

If nothing is working move to another state.

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