



Sermon Title: What Marriage Is - Part 1

Series: First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage

Passages: Genesis 1, Genesis 2

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Marriage was designed to help others get a glimpse of what God looks like.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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."

Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

In what ways does your marriage give others a glimpse of God?

Ephesians 5:33

Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Marriage is best achieved when two people recognize the importance of boundaries that are established to protect themselves from themselves.

Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:8

The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Genesis 2:9

Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:16-17

The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Marriage is best accomplished when two people learn to do ministry together.

Genesis 2:15

Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Marriage is about two people developing a culture of appreciation.

Genesis 2:19

Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:20

The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

Genesis 2:21

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

Genesis 2:22

The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

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