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Ken, Klarc, Jonhy, and Jody sit down to talk about the Christian Sexuality series. Watch the new episode of Table Talks now on YouTube or by scanning the ERC Hub QR code below!

Death, imprisonment, violence, iso-lation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

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**Our Christian sympathy** to the family of William (Bill) VanSetten who passed away on Friday, February 11th, at the age of 87.

Celebration of Life will take place at 12 noon on Saturday, February 26th, at Encounter Church, 10012 Ramona St, Bellflower, CA 90706.

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## Title: The Purposes of Marriage

- **Scripture Reading:** Genesis 2:23-25

### Friendship in marriage

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image. - Genesis 1:26a

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. - Genesis 2:24

### Gardening in marriage

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." - Genesis 1:26

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." - Genesis 2:18

Helper - ezer - can be translated as "partner". In the Psalms God describes himself as an ezer

### Sexuality in marriage

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame - Genesis 2:25

Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. - 1 Corinthians 7:5

### Family in marriage

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it... - Genesis 1:28a

- 2 Errors we experience today, both of which miss the heart of God

1. The first error is the desire for sex, maybe marriage but definitely no kids
2. The second error is idolizing our children and making everything about them and their happiness

- **Time of Reflection** - The Purposes of Marriage

1. Friendship
2. Gardening (Calling in life)
3. Sexuality
4. Family

- For those married - revisit the 4 purposes of marriage. Which area is the Lord inviting you to revisit and make adjustments in?

- For those not married - which of these 4 purposes of marriage is the Lord inviting you to pray about as you look for a potential spouse?