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How to have a great marriage.  
Genesis 2:4-25

'Marriage should be honoured by everyone.' Hebrews 13:4 NCV

God created marriage:

1. For the connection of \_\_\_\_\_.

'In God's plan men and women need each other' 1 Corinthians 11:11 LB

'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 NIV

'When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens— and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.' Genesis 2:4-7 NIV

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' Genesis 2:15 NIV

2. For the multiplication of the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. To have \_\_\_\_\_.

'God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" Genesis 1:28 NIV

2. The delight of \_\_\_\_\_.

'So the Lord caused the man to fall into a deep sleep and while he was sleeping he took one of the man's ribs and he closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.' Genesis 2:21-24 NIV

'Jesus said, "God's plan has been seen from the beginning of creation, when he made us male and female. This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united as one body. Now since they are no longer two but one, no one should separate them, for GOD has joined them together.'" Mark 10:6-9 NLT

### 3. For the protection of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Those who respect the Lord will have security, and their children will be protected.'* Proverbs 14:26 NCV

### 4. For the perfection of our \_\_\_\_\_.

*'It is selfish and stupid to think only of yourself.'* Proverbs 18:1 CEV

The number one purpose of marriage is to make me \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Love sincerely. Hold on to what is good. Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other.'* Romans 12:9-10 GW

### 5. For the construction of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Righteousness lifts up a nation, but sin brings disgrace to any society.'* Proverbs 14:34 GW

### 6. For the reflection of our union with \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. He died so that he could give the church to himself like a bride in all her beauty. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they love their own bodies. No one ever hates his own body, but feeds and takes care of it. And that is what Christ does for his church, because we are parts of his body. The Scripture says, 'So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.' This is a profound mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. So each husband must love his wife as much as he loves himself, and a wife must respect her husband.'* Ephesians 5:25-33 NCV

### 7. For the dedication to \_\_\_\_\_.

*'A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife.'* Genesis 2:24 NIV

**Two commitments that every married couple need to make:**

1. Say to each other we will never \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Say to each other we will do whatever it takes and whatever it costs for as long as it takes to make this marriage \_\_\_\_\_.

*'But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.'* NLT



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why should marriage be honoured by everyone? (Hebrews 13:4)
2. Why do you think marriage is under attack in our society? Should we be concerned about this or is marriage only a private matter and what couples do or don't do is none of societies concern or business?
3. Read Genesis 2:18. Then read Genesis 2:4-15. It's important to read v18 in the context of the whole of the chapter. Why is it better to see the woman as a helper rather than a companion? What should this look like in a marriage today?
4. What are some of the reasons God decided to make a woman, different from a man, that when Adam needed a helper, God chose to make the woman, rather than another man?
5. Go through each one of the 7 points. Which one of the 7 points made you think differently about marriage? Why?
6. One of the key verses in the Bible is Genesis 2:24 in regard to marriage. How do you understand this verse today? What are some of the things a couple should hold onto and what are some things they need to let go of?
7. 1 John 1:9. No good marriages happen without forgiveness. It's one of the essentials of a good marriage or any other relationship for that matter. You must constantly be forgiving. Why, and what does that look like in marriage?

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