

Series: Be Committed

## “Be Committed to Your Spouse”

(Sunday Morning May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

### Passage: Genesis 2:18-25

*Mark 12:29* “29 Jesus answered, ‘The foremost is, HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’”

A marriage is also more than a contract, a marriage is a spiritual c\_\_\_\_\_, and a c\_\_\_\_\_ is more serious.

*Gen 15:17-18 (Reference)*

*Mal 2:14* “...the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife BY COVENANT” (Emphasis Added)

### I. ... Because God Created Marriage for Some R\_\_\_\_\_

1) God Created Marriage for C\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:7 (References)*

God had this desire in His heart for Adam to have a companion in life b\_\_\_\_\_ Adam did; and so, God did something to stir up this desire within Adam.

*Eccl 4:12* “And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart”

2) God Created Marriage for C\_\_\_\_\_

*Gen 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.’”

In *1 Corinthians 11:8*, Paul stated that the man should occupy the position of a\_\_\_\_\_ over his wife, because “...man does not originate from woman, but woman from man.”

3) God Created Marriage for C\_\_\_\_\_

*Gen 1:27* “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

*Gen 1:28* “God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, ...”

God’s best involves a child having both a father and a mother; this is one of the reasons for getting married and for s\_\_\_\_\_ married.

4) God Created Marriage for C\_\_\_\_\_

*Eph 5:25-27; Rev 21:9 (References)*

The Apostle Paul says that God loves His bride, the church, u\_\_\_\_\_ and that He was even willing to die for her, and this is the same kind of love that God wants our marriage to portray.

## II. ...Because God Gives Married People Some R\_\_\_\_\_

### 1) God Wants Us to G\_\_\_\_\_ U\_\_\_\_\_

As parents, this doesn't mean we can't help our children out, but it does mean that we should be careful not to i\_\_\_\_\_ in their marriage.

*Luke 2:49 "And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?'"*

It is also important to understand that our relationship with our spouse is more important than our relationship with our c\_\_\_\_\_.

### 2) God Wants Us to b\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_

*Prov 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.*

*1 Tim 3:4 "He (An Overseer) must be one who manages his own household well, ..."*

Even if a person does not have what they consider to be a "good marriage"; they can still reap some g\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ from marriage.

### 3) God Wants Us to w\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_

This is what I want you to understand. Jacob thought he married the w\_\_\_\_\_ woman, but the w\_\_\_\_\_ woman turned out to be the r\_\_\_\_\_ woman.

*Gen 49:28-31 (Turn and Read)*

### 4) God Wants Us to E\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_

*Heb 13:4 "Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled (Holy);..."*

The Bible says that it is i\_\_\_\_\_ for a husband or a wife to deprive their spouse of sexual intimacy.

A = A\_\_\_\_\_ that you have sinned

*Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

*Eph 2:8-9 "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

B = B\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

C = C\_\_\_\_\_ to His Lordship

*Rom 10:9 "...if (you will) you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Emphasis Added)*