

***Family Values: Don't Leave Home Without 'Em***  
***"The Value of Marriage"***

**Genesis 1:26-29; 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33**

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**Question: Where did marriage come from?**

**God has a p u r p o s e for a *man* and a *woman* in marriage**

**(Gen 1:26-29; 2:18)**

- That in marriage, we would r e f l e c t God's i m a g e (1:26-27)
- That through marriage, we would m u l t i p l y a godly l e g a c y (1:28)
- That through marriage, we would be s t e w a r d s of God's creation (1:28)
- That in marriage, we would c o m p l e m e n t each other (Gen 2:18)

**God designed p r i n c i p l e s for a *man* and a *woman* in marriage**

**(Gen 2:18-25)**

**Marriage requires me to:**

- l e a v e other relationships *for* my spouse - s e v e r a n c e (2:24a)
- c l e a v e *exclusively to* my spouse - p e r m a n e n c e (2:24b)
- w e a v e together *with* my spouse - u n i t y (2:24c-25)

**Question: What if your marriage relationship is not as much about y o u and your s p o u s e as it is about y o u and G o d?**

**God designed marriage as an o t h e r-centered union in a m e-centered world in order to make us both h a p p y and h o l y**

- Marriage reveals God's c o v e n a n t r e l a t i o n s h i p to His people (Eph 5:22-33)

**My Personal E-VALUE-ation:**

What are two areas that God is using my marriage to teach me about becoming more Christ-like?

What one thing can I do this week to begin to build a sense of "mission" and legacy of changed lives in my spouse and children?