

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | Marriage and Our Maker
February 21, 2024 | “What is a Marriage?” | **Genesis 2:4–25**

What Does the Bible Teach about Marriage?

1) Marriage is God’s _____

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Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Genesis 2:4-25. Why did God create marriage? Why were the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens not “fit” as a helper for Adam? How do you think Adam felt after naming all the animals and not finding a companion for himself? How is God’s love for Adam and his provision for him demonstrated in this passage?

What does the word “helper” mean in verse 18? What does a “helper” do? How does a wife help her husband? How are husbands and wives called to love (and help?) each other in marriage?

How was Eve created to be different from the animals? How was she created to be similar to Adam? In what ways was she different from him?

Read Ephesians 5:22-33. How does God’s creation of marriage relate to Christ and the church? How did God use this picture to illustrate love, leadership, and redemption?

GET PERSONAL

In what ways has the perspective on marriage changed in your lifetime? Do you feel like healthy marriages are the norm in society today or are they abnormal? How is God’s view of marriage different from the world’s? How has your understanding of marriage been challenged or reinforced by Scripture?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

MARRIED MEN: Are you committed to loving, sacrificial leadership in your family (cf. Eph 5:22-33)? What is one way that you can grow as a leader (or future leader) of your family?

MARRIED WOMEN: Are you committed to respecting and submitting to your husband as head of your home (cf. Eph 5:22-33)? What is one way that you can grow as a follower (or future follower) of your husband’s leadership?

SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN: How might God use you to encourage your married friends to be faithful to their marriage vows and obedient to Scripture? How does the faithful example of Jesus, Paul and other singles in Scripture encourage you?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What does it mean for man to “leave” his father and mother (Gen 2:24)? Can parents and in-laws stay involved in the lives of their married children?