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Relationships Rescued | Healthy Marriage
Gen 2:24-25; Eph 5

What is Marriage?

- Marriage is two people (a man and a woman) who have committed themselves to take individual responsibility to work together for the fulfilment of each other through a personal relationship of faithfulness, trust, and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Myths of Marriage

- Myth #1: All you need is love.
- Myth #2: My spouse will know what I need.
- Myth #3: Marriage will solve all our problems.

God's Design for Marriage is very clear.

- Godly Marriage starts with Mutual Submission. (Eph 5:21)
- Your relationship with Jesus Christ is demonstrated through your marriage relationship.
- God has a blueprint for Marriage.
- The Triangle View (See Diagram)
 - Genesis 2:24 – “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

What is the goal of Marriage?

- The goal of Marriage is Oneness, an intimate, lifelong relationship.

1. Spiritual Oneness with God and each other is the foundation of Marriage. (Eph 1-3)

- Do you pray together? Are you worshipping together? Are you asking each other what God is teaching you? Have you asked God lately how you can minister to your spouse? How are we doing?

2. Soul Oneness is Sharing Your Mind, Will and Emotions to become intimate friends.

- The greatest need of a man in Marriage. Respect love. (Eph 5:22)
- The greatest need of a woman in Marriage. Secure or sacrificial love. (Eph 5:25)
- To build soul oneness, you need to understand that you are God's chosen minister to your life partner.
- Repair Communication. Re-Establish Connection. Rebuild Trust

3. Physical Oneness is designed for married couples to be passionate lovers.

- Genesis 1:28 – “God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.’”
- Hebrews 13:4 – “Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”
- 1Cor 7:1-6
- Physical Oneness is part of God's design of a healthy marriage.

4. Grow Closer To God to grow closer to each other.

- Are you growing in your walk individually with the Lord?
- Do you have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Are you growing in spiritual Oneness in your Marriage?
- What about soul oneness? Are you choosing to be God's chosen minister to your husband or wife?
- What about physical Oneness? Your spiritual Oneness and your soul oneness will determine the quality of your physical Oneness?



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