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GENESIS 2:24

Living a Biblical Marriage

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. GENESIS 2:24

I. Biblical marriage is a promise with _____ .

II. Biblical marriage is a love rooted in _____ .

III. Biblical marriage is a oneness sustained by the _____ .

*"But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'
So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."* MARK 10:6-9

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5 and Mark 10:6-9. How do Spirit-filled husbands and wives act toward each other?

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“Adam had to give part of himself in order to get a bride, but Christ gave all of Himself to purchase His bride at the cross. God opened Adam’s side, but sinful men pierced Christ’s side. So united are a husband and wife that they are ‘one flesh.’ Their union is even closer than that of parents and children. The believer’s union with Christ is even closer and, unlike human marriage, will last for all eternity. Paul closed with a final admonition that the husband love his wife and that the wife reverence (respect) her husband, both of which require the power of the Holy Spirit.”

WARREN WIERSBE

“Submission often has unpleasant implications for modern Christians, perhaps because this principle has been abused in the past and has been used to justify overbearing and self-serving behavior. But Jesus was willing to submit to the will of his Father and to the agonies of the cross. ‘Submission’ is not a bad word.”

BRUCE BARTON

2. Why is submission to Christ and to one another so important for relational harmony to occur? What role does the Holy Spirit play in enabling us to live in harmony with others?

3. Why is submission so hard for many people?

4. In Ephesians 5:25-30, why do you think Paul uses Christ and His church to illustrate how husbands are to love their wives?

6. Meditate on the following verses and consider what each has to say to you.

OUR EXAMPLE OF SUBMISSION: JESUS

Matthew 26:39 Hebrews 5:8

OUR OWN SUBMISSION

Luke 22:42 Colossians 3:18 1 Peter 2:13-14
Romans 7:4 Titus 3:1 1 Peter 5:3-6
Romans 8:7 Hebrews 13:17 1 Peter 3:1
Romans 13:1-7 James 4:7

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

QUESTIONS FOR HUSBANDS

How are you loving your wife as Christ loves the church? Consider examples such as surrendering, sanctifying, forgiving, honoring, nourishing and cherishing. Would your wife agree with your answer?

What earthly model (father, grandfather, friend) of leadership in the home have you followed, and what were the shortcomings of that human example? How did it influence your view of the husband’s role?

Have you tended more toward the extreme of being the boss rather than the gentle shepherd of the family, or toward the extreme of passivity in failing to take your leadership responsibilities seriously?

What attitudes or actions do you need to give up in order to apply the principles of Ephesians 5:25-33? What attitudes and actions can you cultivate in order to model Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR WIVES

What is your attitude toward submitting to your husband? Have you been resistant? If so, why?

Do you support and encourage your husband? Do you treat him with respect, even when you disagree?

In what ways do you seek your husband’s highest good? Would your husband agree with your answer?

What specific attitudes and actions do you need to cease in order to apply the principles of Ephesians 5:21-24, 33? What specific attitudes and actions can you cultivate in order to model Christ?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)

2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)

3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.



FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE We all know that marriage has its ups and downs, but it’s another thing to experience it! Whether you are happily married or just hanging on by a thread, come and be

reminded of God’s good agenda through the highs and lows. Beyond that, be encouraged and equipped from the Scriptures to love your spouse with a love that can only come from God. Register today by scanning the QR code.

CCBC POPS ORCHESTRA CONCERT Be swept to the seaside with this year’s CCBC Pops Concert, *Songs from the Sea!* Invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening hearing from our Traditional Music Orchestra as we go on a musical voyage with renditions of family favorite scores from the silver screen! It’s going to be an evening to remember for all of us. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/pops.

KIDSCAMP IS ALMOST HERE The best part of the summer is quickly coming up and we’re expectant for all God will do through our wonderful volunteers and in the lives of each child that hears the gospel. So, mark your calendars! Parents, registration for your kids will begin Sunday, March 3, and volunteer registration will open next Sunday, Feb. 18.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP One of our incredible ministry partners, DASH Network, provides food and shelter for those who are seeking refuge from all over the world. On Friday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in The Den, we’ll be having a night of worship to rejoice in what God has continued to do through their ministry and to learn more about how we can step into the needs of those all over the globe. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/worshipnight.

MUSIKGARTEN Designed as an interactive music class for you and your newborn, toddler and preschoolers, Musikgarten is where a love for music and musical skills are born through active movement and songs. We’d love to have you and your family join us for this spring semester! Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS MINISTRY Are you looking for a place to serve? Volunteer with Kids Ministry! Our Kids Ministry is an incredible place to lean into a community, grow in your own faith and pour into the lives of the next generation. You will see firsthand the gospel take shape and root in the hearts of every child that walks through our doors. You won’t want to miss what God is going to do this spring. To learn more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/kids.



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