

A Man and His Marriage

Not Two but ONE

The cost of division

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Mark 10:6-9

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

SUMMARY:

We have taken our eyes off God's plan for our marriage. We are living in the world, and the world tells us that only my feelings are important, my happiness, and my fulfillment. If something doesn't meet my needs, then I will throw it away and move on to something else.

But God created marriage for His purpose. The bible says that the Lord has made us one in flesh and in spirit and we belong to Him. He has created the marriage covenant for His purpose!

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

- Hebrews 13:4 says, “Marriage should be honored by all”. Does our society “honor” marriage?

Discussion:

- Why is divorce so prevalent, even in our churches?
- Do you and your wife live independently or interdependently with one another? Why?
- In what ways do you honor your wife?
- What are some of the ways in which you can invite God to the heart of your marriage?

APPLICATION:

- Commit to honor God and your wife in your marriage and ask a Christian brother to hold you accountable
- Develop time to read and pray together beginning with the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians as your foundation.
- Seek out other committed couples to fellowship with and develop a spiritual intimacy and community with God.
- Seek to transform our society by holding up a biblically based marriage that honors God.

ON YOUR OWN...

Genesis 2:20-24
Matthew 19:3-9
Malachi 2:15,16
Matthew 5:32
1 Corinthians 13