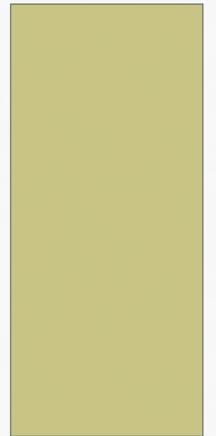


# GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

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# OUR PURPOSES FOR MARRIAGE

- So I'm not lonely
- Emotional support
- Special companionship
- Someone to push me to do greater things
- Someone to show affection to
- So I don't waste my time
- Pressure from parents
- More financial stability
- Physical intimacy
- Protection from temptations
- To have children

# NATURAL DRIFT TOWARDS SEPARATION

- Romantic phase
- Reality phase
- Renovation phase
- Retaliation phase
- Rejection phase

# GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

# 1) REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE - CHARACTER

- Genesis 1:26a-27

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness... <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in **his own image**, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>26</sup> 神說：「我們要照著我們的形象，按著我們的樣式造人... <sup>27</sup> 神就照著**自己的形象造人**，乃是照著他的形象，造男造女。

# 1) REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE - ONENESS

- Matthew 19:4-6

<sup>4</sup> “Haven't you read ,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become **one flesh**’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>4</sup> 耶穌回答說：「那起初造人的，是『造男造女』，<sup>5</sup> 並且說：『因此，人要離開父母，與妻子聯合，二人成為一體。』這經你們沒有念過嗎？<sup>6</sup> 既然如此，夫妻不再是兩個人，乃是一體的了。所以神配合的，人不可分開。」

- John 17:22-23

<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they **may be one as we are one**—<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. **Then the world will know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>22</sup> 你所賜給我的榮耀，我已賜給他們，使他們**合而為一**，像我們合而為一。<sup>23</sup> 我在他們裡面，你在我裡面，使他們完完全全地合而為一，叫世人知道你差了我來，也知道你愛他們如同愛我一樣。

## 2) EXPERIENCE COMPANIONSHIP

- Genesis 2:18-20

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, “**It is not good for the man to be alone.** I will make a helper suitable for him.”

耶和華神說：「**那人獨居不好，我要為他造一個配偶幫助他。**」

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. **But for Adam no suitable helper was found.**

<sup>19</sup> 耶和華神用土所造成的野地各樣走獸和空中各樣飛鳥都帶到那人面前，看他叫什麼。那人怎樣叫各樣的活物，那就是牠的名字。<sup>20</sup> 那人便給一切牲畜和空中飛鳥、野地走獸都起了名，**只是那人沒有遇見配偶幫助他。**

# EXPERIENCE COMPANIONSHIP

- Genesis 2:21-24

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, **"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."** <sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become **one flesh.**

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### 3) MULTIPLY A GODLY LEGACY

- Genesis 1:28a - God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

神就賜福給他們，又對他們說：「要生養眾多，遍滿地面，治理這地。」

WHAT HAPPENED?

# REFLECTING GOD'S IMAGE -AFTER SIN

- Genesis 3:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; **so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.** <sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.** <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>7</sup> 他們二人的眼睛就明亮了，才知道自己是赤身露體，便拿無花果樹的葉子，為自己編做裙子。<sup>8</sup> 天起了涼風，耶和華神在園中行走，那人和他妻子聽見神的聲音，就藏在園裡的樹木中，躲避耶和華神的面。<sup>9</sup> 耶和華神呼喚那人，對他說：「你在哪裡？」<sup>10</sup> 他說：「我在園中聽見你的聲音，我就害怕，因為我赤身露體。我便藏了。」

# COMPANIONSHIP-AFTER SIN

- Genesis 3:11-13, 16

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “**The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree,** and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me,** and I ate.” <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. **Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.**”

<sup>11</sup> 耶和華說：「誰告訴你赤身露體呢？莫非你吃了我吩咐你不可吃的那樹上的果子嗎？」<sup>12</sup> 那人說：「**你所賜給我與我同居的女人，她把那樹上的果子給我，我就吃了。**」<sup>13</sup> 耶和華神對女人說：「你做的是什麼事呢？」女人說：「**那蛇引誘我，我就吃了。**」又對女人說：「我必多多加增你懷胎的苦楚，你生產兒女必多受苦楚。**你必戀慕你丈夫，你丈夫必管轄你。**」

# GODLY LEGACY-AFTER SIN

- Genesis 4:8 - Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.  
該隱與他兄弟亞伯說話，二人正在田間，該隱起來打他兄弟亞伯，把他殺了。

# CONSTANT ATTACK ON MARRIAGE

- Ephesians 6:12 - For our struggle **is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms.

因我們並不是與**屬血氣的爭戰**，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這幽暗世界的，以及天空**屬靈氣的惡魔**爭戰。

- “You are not my enemy. Satan is our enemy. We are one. He is trying to destroy our marriage.”

WHAT DO WE DO?

# RESTORE ONENESS WITH GOD THROUGH SALVATION

- Luke 5:31-32

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners** to repentance.”

<sup>31</sup> 耶穌對他們說：「無病的人用不著醫生，有病的人才用得著。<sup>32</sup> 我來本不是召義人悔改，乃是召**罪人**悔改。」

# DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BUILD ONENESS WITH EACH OTHER

- John 15:5 - “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you **remain in me** and I in you, you will **bear much fruit; apart from me** you can **do nothing**.”

<sup>5</sup> 我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子。常在我裡面的，我也常在他裡面，這人就多結果子；因為離了我，你們就不能做什麼。

- Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

<sup>22</sup> 聖靈所結的果子，就是仁愛、喜樂、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信實、<sup>23</sup> 溫柔、節制；這樣的事沒有律法禁止。

# RECEIVE OUR SPOUSE AS A PERFECT GIFT FROM GOD

- Genesis 2:20b1-23

But for Adam no **suitable** helper was found <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and **he brought her to the man.** <sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

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# SUMMARY

- God's purpose/plan for marriage
  - 1) Reflect God's image
  - 2) Experience companionship
  - 3) Build a Godly legacy
- Satan is constantly attacking marriage
- God's restoration of marriage
- What do we do?
  - 1) Restore oneness with God
  - 2) Depend on the Holy Spirit to build oneness with each other
  - 3) Receive our spouse as a perfect gift from God

TO THOSE WHO ARE SINGLE

NEVER BEEN MARRIED. DIVORCED. WIDOWED.

# FOR SINGLES – TODAY!

## God's Purpose for Marriage

- 1) Reflect God's image
- 2) Companionship
- 3) Multiply a Godly legacy

# Marriage Takes Three

