

- I. Marriage is God's union of two into one
- A. Two different genders
- B. Two different persons
- II. Each person brings trouble to the tango
- A. A fallen "flesh" nature
- B. Background baggage
- III. Our enemy attacks marriages
1. It's a good gift from God
2. It's about the children
3. Marriage is God's sexual control rod for society
4. Marriage (family) is a primary place of protection
5. Marriage is a picture of Christ's relationship with His church
- A. Cultural combat
- B. Focused attacks
- Gen 25:22-23
- I Pet 3:7;
Gal 3:28; Gen 1:31
- Rom 14:2, 5;
I Cor 12:4-11, 27-31;
Rom 12:3-8
- Mark 7:21-22; Gal 5:16-21
- II Sam 6:16, 20-22;
I Kings 21:4-7; Gen 27:5ff
- I John 3:8
Gen 2:28
Eph 6:4; Deut 6:4-9
- I Cor 7:1-2
- Neh 4:14
- Eph 5:31-33;
Ps 11:2-3
- Eph 2:1-2;
Rom 12:1-2
- Eph 6:10-18; II Sam 11:1-2;
I Chron 21:1;
Luke 13:10-12; Job 1:12;
Job 2:6-7

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. 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. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ 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 closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ 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." ²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Care Group Questions

“Wedlock Warfare”
Text: Gen 2:18-24

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1. Anyone in your group need to be baptized (if so, interested in being baptized on the 31st)? Have any of you adopted a family for the Christmas season (see bulletin for details)? Anyone need to be “provoked” to do one of these?
2. Can you experientially relate to the phrase “marriages are under attack”? If you’re married, does that phrase seem to describe you now?
3. Group exercise: list some of the differences in “approach to life” between males and females. (Use some of those given in the sermon and/or from your own observations.)
4. Besides the gender differences, each person is unique in personality, preference, background, gifting, etc. Pick a couple (or more than one) and have them share some of their different preferences in food, scheduling, vacations, work habits, neatness, discipline, exercise, entertainment, money usage, etc. (Remember, having different preferences is natural, even God-given!! No arguments allowed!)
5. Besides our different genders, personalities, preferences, etc., we add to marital difficulty by our individual sin natures. Though we each have one, we express our selfish rebellion differently. Have each married person in the group share how he/she expresses sinful anger in marriage.
6. What “background baggage” did Michal (II Samuel 6:16, 20-22) bring to her marriage with David? For those who are married: have you discovered some of the background baggage that you brought into your marriage?
7. Why would our spiritual enemy, Satan, want to attack and destroy marriages?
8. How does our culture make marriage more difficult?
9. What are some possible ways that our enemy might attack an individual marriage (list some specifics)? What, in your experience, have you seen as an attack focused on a certain marriage?
10. What can your small group do to help those who are married (those in your group or those you know who are married)?

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