

open heart

a sermon series on relationships

True Love

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God Designed Marriage



- (Gen 2:23) Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”
- (Gen 2:24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- (Gen 2:25) And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

God's Promise Invites each one to "Newness"



- (Isa 1:18) "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."
- (Rom 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- (Rom 3:24) and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,



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- (Son 1:7) Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?



- (Son 1:8) **He** If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.
- (Son 1:9) I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.
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How should Godly Relationships influence the Kingdom of God?

Marriage as a Reflection of Jesus and the Church



- (Eph 5:22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- (Eph 5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
- (Eph 5:24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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- (Eph 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
- (Eph 5:26) that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

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- (Eph 5:31) “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
- (Eph 5:32) This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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