

PRAYER

- Pray that God will change our thinking towards marriage and that we will see His purposes for it.

- Pray for your married relatives to understand God’s purpose in their marriage.

- Pray for the married couples in the church, that their marriages will be strengthened further and that they will live out God’s purposes for their families.



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CONNECT

- In your opinion, why do people join an online social network, like Facebook, Twitter, etc.?
- Name one task that you usually do not want to do alone? Why?
- Do your parents believe that you already can live on your own? Why?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ²³The 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." ²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:18,23,24

God is the One who puts a man and a woman together in marriage. As seen in creation, God has a specific purpose for this design and that is for both parties to enjoy the union and honor God ultimately. However, most of us do not grasp fully His intention for marriage. What does God intend to give through a husband or a wife?

- **A good gift.**

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For those who are called to marriage, a spouse is a good gift from God. This is God's purpose from the very start. He gave Eve to Adam to change man's situation which was "not good." More than just a legal relationship or peaceful coexistence, God created marriage so that both the husband and the wife will enjoy one another and each one's company. When a marriage is centered on God, what myths are being disproved?

- **A suitable workmate.**

" . . . I will make a helper suitable for him."
Genesis 2:18

Adam had a task to work on and take care of the garden. God later on gave him Eve so that he could have a suitable partner in this task. Today's marriages are no different. Every marriage has the same end goal which is to glorify God and the partners in it should work together to achieve this. What is a helpmate? How important is a helpmate's role?

- **A life partner.**

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

Marriage is the start of the most basic element in society—the family. The husband and the wife leave their respective families to start a new one. Out of this partnership under God's leadership, God's purposes are accomplished. What are some of God's intentions why He initiated this partnership?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- Why is the purpose of marriage not just for procreation? Name other reasons why God initiated marriage.
- In what ways can the partnership between a husband and a wife give glory to God?
- How can leaving the parents help a marriage work better? What does the Bible say about this command?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What thinking do you need to change to convince you that marriage is beneficial and not a burden?
- If you are married, what things do you need to work on with your spouse to improve your relationship? If single, what areas in your life do you need to change now so that you can be ready to work with your future helpmate?
- What can you do now to prepare for married life? Or as a married couple, what can you address now to strengthen your relationship even more?