

**Series Title:**

**“Tightening the Knot”**

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**Sermon Title:**

**“Marriage As It’s Meant To Be”**

(Part II)

**Sermon Text:**

Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18-25



**Introduction:**

- I. The Provision Of The Marriage Relationship (2:18, 21-22)
- II. The Purpose For The Marriage Relationship (2:18, 20, 22, 24)
  - A. Marriage is designed for partnership
  - B. Marriage is designed for pleasure

**C. Marriage is designed for \_\_\_\_\_ (1:27-28)**

- God’s first command to married couples is to \_\_\_\_\_.

***“From the very beginning, God made marriage and the family central to His creative and redemptive purposes.”***

- Psalm 127:3-5

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Marriage Relationship (2:24-25)**

- Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31

***“Marriage is defined as one man and one woman, leaving and cleaving, and becoming one flesh for life.”***

- ***Marriage doesn’t have to be \_\_\_\_\_ - but it does take \_\_\_\_\_!***

- Marital problems stem from one of three things:

**A. There are problems that stem from a failure to “ \_\_\_\_\_ “ (1:24a)**

- In the Hebrew the word “leave” means “to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”

***“The man must cease to live under the headship of his father and begin to function alone as the head of a new family, his own family.”***

- Parental interference is usually \_\_\_\_\_ and rarely \_\_\_\_\_!

**B. There are problems that stem from a failure to “ \_\_\_\_\_ “ (1:24b)**

- The Hebrew word for “cleave” means “to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_” – the Greek word for “cleave” means “to be \_\_\_\_\_ together.”

- **Matthew 19:6**

- While “leaving” is normally a one-time event, “cleaving” is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_!

C. **There are problems that stem from a failure to “\_\_\_\_\_”** (1:24c)

- At its most basic, elementary level, what is the phrase “*one flesh*” a reference to?

*“Weaving involves growing together over the years so that while you are still two people, in a very deep way, you have become ‘one flesh.’”*

- What is meant by the phrase, “*were both naked and were not ashamed?*”

IV. **The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Marriage Relationship** (2:24)

- *The superglue that binds husbands and wives together is designed by God to be \_\_\_\_\_.*

- What is the meaning of the covenant relationship?

- **Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ agreement.**

- Malachi 2:16

*“God is the Author of civil and moral law as well as spiritual law.”*

- Philippians 3:13; Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17; 12:9; Philippians 4:13; I Peter 2:19-21; 3:1

**Conclusion:**

*“If you are married, is your marriage everything that it is meant to be?”*

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.