



THE BEGINNING  
**THE BEGINNING OF MARRIAGE**  
GENESIS 2:18-25

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1. Follow \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 18-25)

Genesis 2:18–25 (ESV)

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 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."

2. Wives, \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 18)

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

3. Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 23)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read Deuteronomy 10:20 & 13:4. The phrase “hold fast” in these verses is the same Hebrew word used in Genesis 2:24. How does seeing this word used of devotion to God influence how you think about devotion to your spouse? How should that practically influence your attitudes/actions toward him/her?
2. Read Romans 12:2. How might you be tempted to be conformed to worldly ideas about marriage? What Scriptures can renew your mind and bring it back to God’s blueprint for marriage?
3. Read Genesis 2:18. Wives, as you consider God’s design for you to come alongside and help your husband, in what areas would you like to be more intentional in doing this over the next several weeks?
- 4 Read Ephesians 5:28-30. Husbands, what will it practically look like for you to cherish your wife in the coming weeks? How should both your attitudes and actions change in order to see this growth?
5. Read Proverbs 5:1-6. What are some of the devastating effects that sexual immorality could have on your life and family? Why is God’s design for intimacy the best?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Chapell, Bryan. *Each for the Other*. Baker Books, 2006.  
Peace, Martha. *The Excellent Wife*. Focus Publishing, 1999.  
Scott, Stuart. *The Exemplary Husband*. Focus Publishing, 2002.  
Smith, Josiah. “Heavenly Homes: Maximizing Your Time as a Single.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr6eBzMSQ14>  
Sermon, 2023.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the marriages at CBCTV would reflect God’s good design.  
Pray that our church would be pure in our thoughts, words, and deeds.  
Pray for the conclusion of our “What’s Up with Words?” series this Saturday for Compass Women.  
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.  
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
10/9	Psalms 135-137	2 Timothy 2:1-13
10/10	Psalms 138-141	2 Timothy 2:14-26
10/11	Psalms 142-145	2 Timothy 3
10/12	Psalms 146-150	2 Timothy 4
10/13	Proverbs 1-3	Titus 1
10/14	Proverbs 4-6	Titus 2