



Sermon series: Genesis 1-11: The Story of (Your) Life
Text: Genesis 2:18-25
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The Story of Marriage

Big Idea: Marriage is a good gift, a lifelong challenge, and a window into a greater reality.

Marriage is glorious but hard. It's a burning joy and strength, and yet it is also blood, sweat, and tears, humbling defeats and exhausting victories. No marriage I know more than a few weeks old could be described as a fairy tale come true." -Tim Keller

The Gift of Marriage: Marriage is one way God graciously _____ our God-given _____ for relationships. (Genesis 2:18-23)

1. God _____ us with a need for relationship.
2. God _____ the gift that meets the need.

The Design of Marriage: Marriage is designed by God to be a _____ of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:18-23)

1. Marriage is about complementary _____.
2. Marriage is about complementary _____.

Foundation of Marriage: Marriage is founded on a _____ to _____ love another as _____. (Genesis 2:24)

- What is a healthy marriage built on?
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

The Substance of Marriage: Marriage is a temporary _____ into the lasting _____ of Christ and the Church. (Ephesians 5:31-32)

"Both, marriage and singleness testify to the gospel. Marriage shows us the shape of the gospel in that it models the covenant promises that God has made to us in Christ. Singleness shows us the sufficiency of the gospel because it shows us the reality of what marriage points to – which is our own relationships with Jesus." -Sam Allberry

When you hear the word 'marriage' what thoughts come to mind and what feelings are stirred up within you?

Read the Tim Keller Quote again... In what ways have you seen or experienced the truth of what he says about marriage?

What are some ways that we could bridge the relational gap between those who are married and those who are single?

Why does the world tend to malign the biblical view of marriage? What are ways that we can display compelling picture of marriage as its defined in the Bible?



Questions for those who are married:

- *What are the differences in your spouse that you appreciate the most?*
- *What are some of the daily opportunities you have to sacrificially love your spouse? What are some of the most difficult things for you to sacrifice in order to love your spouse?*
- *What are some of the reasons you struggle to sacrificially love your spouse. How can knowing that true joy in marriage is always the result of sacrifice help you as you seek to love your spouse?*
- *How can immersing yourself in the gospel both satisfy you and transform you into being a better spouse?*

Questions for those are single:

- *What are some of the benefits you've seen in having relationships with people who are different than you?*
- *What are some of the ways you've experienced the reality that deep relationships only come with commitment and sacrifice?*
- *How can being single provide an opportunity to more fully enjoy Jesus as the ultimate spouse?*

Further Resources

- [Jesus, Lover of My Soul – Julian Hardyman](#)
- [The Meaning of Marriage – Tim Keller](#)
- [Strengthen Your Marriage by Rehearsing the Covenant – The Gospel Coalition](#)
- [Beautiful Difference: The Complementarity of Male and Female – The Gospel Coalition](#)