



Message Reflections

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“Staying married, therefore, is not mainly about staying in love. It is about keeping covenant. ‘Till death do us part’ or ‘As long as we both shall live’ is a sacred covenant promise—the same kind Jesus made with His bride when He died for her.” - John Piper

Read Genesis 2:20b-25 and Ephesians 5:21-33.

Marriage is a picture of the gospel of Christ. Ultimately our marriages are not about us, but about God. They reveal something deep and meaningful about the gospel. We can impact our culture by cultivating marriages that reflect God’s glory and God’s design.

Reflect: Quietly reflect on and write down what God is saying to you personally out of the passages.

- If you had to define “marriage,” what words would you use? How does the biblical teaching on marriage look different than the world we live in?
- Consider the key people in your life (husband, wife, children, parents, etc.): what does it mean for you to relate with them in ways that bring out the joy and life of Christ? What are you already doing well? What new things can you build in?

Matthew 6:33 - “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- How would seeking God’s kingdom first in your marriage change the way you interacted with and treated your spouse? What do you think that shift would do to the love you have for each other?

Thank God for the gift of marriage. Thank Him for His good design of human sexuality. Pray for your marriage and others you know of, that they would demonstrate God’s good design and gospel purpose for marriage.