

FAMILY CIRCUS

Week 2: May 16th & 19th - Marriage

Am I loving my spouse the way that God loves me?

1. COMPANIONSHIP

Genesis 2:18-22 - 18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

True Love Serves

Ephesians 5:21 - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

True Love Sacrifices

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

True Love is Selfless

Ephesians 5:33 - However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

2. COMMITMENT

Genesis 2:23-24 - 23 The 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." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife.

The Consumer Relationship is Driven by EMOTION

The Covenant Relationship is Driven by COMMITMENT

Matthew 19:4-6 - 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

3. CONNECTION

Genesis 2:24-25 - *24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

The Covenant Relationship Produces:

- 1. Security**
- 2. Stability**
- 3. Satisfaction**

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