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- The _____ and _____ for marriage.

Genesis 2:23 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 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and **be united** to his wife, and they will become **one flesh**.* ²⁵ *The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

*Ephesians. 5:31-32 A man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. **This is a profound mystery**...*

*Eph. 5:32... but **I am talking about Christ and the church.***

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

Pg 1: permanence; Pg 2: exclusivity; covenant; gender; Pg 3: social;
Pg 4: pattern; power;

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Building a Marriage—part 1

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What are your assumptions about marriage?

1. What is marriage?
2. Is it God-ordained or is it just a social institution?
3. Is there a design to marriage, or do you make your own design?
4. Is marriage really "'til death do us part?" If so, why?
5. Does gender matter? If so, how?
6. What makes for intimacy? How does it grow? How does it fade?
7. What's the greatest threat to any marriage?
8. What's the greatest core solution to problems in marriage?
9. How much "work" does marriage take?
10. What happens if we "fall out of love?"
11. What role(s) is sex supposed to play in a marriage?
What role(s) can't it play?

- **Marriage:** _____.

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- **Marriage as _____.**

Malachi 2:14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

Malachi 2:15 Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

- **Marriage: _____.**

"The Lord made them one."

Malachi 2:16 "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, ... So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

- **Complimentary _____.**

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

a. "Helper" -

b. "...suitable for him" -

- **Marriage's _____ mandates.**

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

... Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth ...

... (fill the earth) and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Genesis 1:29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.
