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## The gospel and marriage

*Ephesians 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*

*Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*

<sup>32</sup> *This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

<sup>33</sup> *However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

Pg. 1: "Loyalest" Grittiest; Pg. 2: "Mid-wife" Pg. 3: vertical

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## What Kind of Relationship do We Build?

### Building a Marriage—part 4

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#### **L Friend.**

*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."*

"Ezer" (Heb.)

*Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

*Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

*Proverbs 27:5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love.<sup>6</sup>  
Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

#### **G Lover.**

*1 John 3:2-3 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

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*John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*

*<sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

*<sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

*<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

*<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

*<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.*

*<sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

### **Committed "Mid-\_\_\_\_\_:" Becoming like Christ.**

*Galatians 4:19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,*

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

*<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,*

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*<sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

*Eph. 5:26 ...to make her holy ...*

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*Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

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