



# God is a matchmaker

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# Finding your mate

1 Corinthians 7:38

So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

# Why should you want to marry?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.



# Why should you want to marry?

Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.



# Why should you want to marry?

Proverbs 31:10

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.



# Jesus pointed us to the beginning

Matthew 19:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" <sup>4</sup> He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."



# Jesus pointed us to the beginning

Matthew 19:7-9

7 They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" 8 He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so." 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."



# In the beginning...

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."





# In the beginning...

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



# In the beginning...

Genesis 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made,  
and behold, it was very good. And there was  
evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



# God decided man's environment

Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in  
the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.



# God knew what kind of helper man needed

Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."



# God decided who Adam had to marry

Genesis 2:20

The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.



# God prepared the woman for the man

Genesis 2:21

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.



# God presented the woman to the man

Genesis 2:22

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.



# God initiated marriage

Genesis 2:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.





# Marriage must be Symphony

Genesis 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.



# Marriage must be Symphony

Matthew 18:19

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.



# Marriage is a mystery

Ephesians 5:32

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.



# Marriage is a mystery

Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



# Let us walk by faith

James 2:17-18

<sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.



# Let us walk by faith

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."



# First becoming the Godly partner

Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



# Trust in the LORD

Psalm 37:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

