

NOW WORD Covenant Church
MISSION MINDED
Marriage Mission
Sunday, August 25, 2019

Introduction:

Our Mission Minded series is to *remind us* that our life from God comes with a mission. Your mission tells you the **what** you are going to do, **how** you're going to do it, and **why** you're doing it. We have talked about our Family Mission and Generational Blessings, today we will cover our **Marriage Mission**.

Review:

Overall Mission for Life: "Whatever you do, **do all** to the **glory** of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)

Family Mission: "But as for **me** and **my family**, we will **serve** the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Generational Blessings: "God's **covenant** with our family extends through a **thousand** generations." Reference: Deuteronomy 7:9

Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12:1-3

"It's **God's responsibility** to fulfill His covenant promises, it is our responsibility to **obey** the covenant."

Raising Godly Children: Ephesians 6:4

1. **Seed of Christ** (Born again)
2. **Covenant** of Christ (Abrahamic Covenant)
3. **Obedience** to Christ (submission)

"Teach your children about the covenant, not the church."

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Matthew 19:4. And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the **beginning** 'made them **male** and **female**', **5.** and said, 'For this reason a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and the two shall **become one** flesh?'

6. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what **God** has **joined together**, let not man separate.”

Points to the Message:

1. Marriage is a _____ (oneness) - Matthew 19:4-5
 - **unites us** as one (agreement)
 - **obligates us** to fulfill responsibilities (expectations)
 - **binds us** unto death (permanence)
2. Marriage is _____ (God-made) – Matthew 19:6
 - Male and Female
 - Joined together by God
 - In communion with God

Spiritual marriage: God joins a man and a woman together to **commune** with Him through marriage, so they can fulfill their **obligations** as husband and wife as one.

3. Marriage is an _____ (worship) – Ephesians 5:22-28
 - Wife-Submit-Reverence
 - Husband-Head-Love
 - Triangular – flows through God

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“Our marriage is an **illustration** of the **relationship** between **Christ** and the **church**, so the **world** may see **God’s purpose** for marriage through us.” Ephesians 5:22-31

Triangular Marriage (God’s Love)

St. John 13:34. “A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as **I have loved you**, that you also love one another. (NKJV) Reference: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

NEXT WEEK: Church Mission