

The Message Notes

Series: Back to the Basics

Message: Back to Biblical Marriage and Love

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Objective: to **call** us back to the principles (first) of marriage, so we can strengthen our marriages and families for the kingdom, and to be light and salt for the culture.

Introduction: Biblical Marriage

Matthew 19:3. Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: “Should a man be allowed to **divorce** his wife for just any reason?”

1. Marriage is a _____: **v4.** “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the **beginning God** made them male and female.” References: Genesis 2:15, 18

Principle: A woman should ask a man, “**Where do you live?**”

2. Marriage is a _____ and a _____ relationship **v4.** “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the **beginning God made** them **male** and **female**”. Reference: Genesis 1:28

Principle: Sex is **sacred, confined** for marriage only.

3. Marriage is a male _____ relationship: **v5.** And he said, “This explains why a man **leaves** his father and mother and is **joined** to his wife (proposed), and the two are united into one.’

4. Marriage is a _____ relationship: **v6.** Since they are no longer two but one, let no one **split apart** what God has joined together (permanence).”

5. Marriage is a _____ relationship: **v6.** Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what **God has joined together.**”

Biblical Love: Human and Heavenly Love

Matthew 19:5. And he said, “This explains why a man **leaves** his father and mother and is joined to his **wife**, and the two are **united into one.**’

Is marriage by God’s **perfect** will or **permissive** will?

Proverbs 18:22. The man who **finds** (happens upon) a wife **finds** a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord. (NLT) Genesis 2:22-23

Principle: You marry by **revelation** and not **reason**. I Corinthians 7:10

Stages of Human Love to Heavenly Love for Marriage:

Stage 1. _____ (attraction) - **Falling** in Love

- Type of love: **Eros** a passion that is impulsive and irrational which takes control of your emotions and mind.
- Type of feelings: adrenaline, lustful, euphoria, giddy, etc.
- Type of chemicals: testosterone (men), estrogen (women), norepinephrine, dopamine, oxytocin
- Type of interests: egocentric and sexual
- Outcome:** relationship is **egocentric**. Couple is driven by self-interests and romanticism which fuels the passion of sensuality in the relationship.

Stage 2. _____ (affection) – **Being** in Love

- Type of love: **Philia** – a bonding that develops a friendship through mutual interests, trust, and transparency.
- Type of feelings: acceptance, affirmation, approval, support, security, and closeness
- Type of chemicals: dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin, endorphins, vasopressin
- Type of interests: mutually balanced
- Outcome:** relationship is **transactional**. Couple is driven by mutual benefits, compatibility, and closeness of the relationship that has become a bond beyond sex.

Stage 3. _____ (attachment) - **Staying** in Love – Genesis 2:23

- Type of love: **Pragma** - commitment, and long-term interests
- Type of feelings: acceptance, affirmation, approval, support, security, and closeness
- Type of chemicals: dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin, endorphins, vasopressin, cortisol
- Type of interests: egocentric and mutually beneficial
- Outcome:** relationship is **exclusive**. Couple is driven by feeling a part of each other (match) and want to commit to one-to-one relationship.

Stage 4. _____ (agape) – **Unfailing** Love - highest form of love

- Type of love: **Spiritual** – Romans 5:5
- Type of feelings: act of the will – John 15:12
- Type of interests: sacrificial – I John 3:16
- Type of chemicals: all chemicals (emotions) are under the subjection
- Outcome:** relationship is **sacrificial**. Couple is driven by their command to love each other just like Christ loves them, so they serve one another sacrificially in marriage as husband and wife.