

Making Marriage Work!

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Series: Making Marriage Work

**Loving Relationships are built on _____
not winning arguments!**

God's _____ For My Marriage

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:26a, 127 ESV

(Genesis 2:5-6)

"then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature... The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." Genesis 2:7, 15 ESV

God's _____ of Man's Predicament

"Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."" Genesis 2:18 ESV

- Man is _____

(Psalm 102:7)

- Man need a _____

**"A helper is a person who contributes to the fulfillment of a need
or furtherance of an effort of purpose."**

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

Psalms 121:1 ESV

**"The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him,
nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him,
under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."**

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God's _____ for Man's Predicament

(Genesis 2:23)

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24 ESV

- Couple's _____ as a New Family Unit
- Couple's _____ to Each Other
- Couple's _____ in their Relationship

Four Areas of Marriage Teamwork

1. _____
“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.””
Genesis 1:28 ESV

2. _____
“When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground... The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”
Genesis 2:5, 15 ESV

3. _____
“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.””
Genesis 2:16–17 ESV

4. _____
“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him... Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:18, 24 ESV

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Four Steps toward Conflict Resolution:

1. _____ **to Your Spouse**
“If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”
Proverbs 18:13 ESV

So what I hear you saying is ...?

2. **Strive for** _____
“Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.”
Proverbs 16:22 ESV

I can understand why you feel that way?

3. **Work for a** _____
“If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.”
Proverbs 29:9 ESV

Work out a compromise acceptable to both.

4. **Pursue relational** _____
“When a man’s ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”
Proverbs 16:7 ESV

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 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!

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?
And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him
—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 ESV