

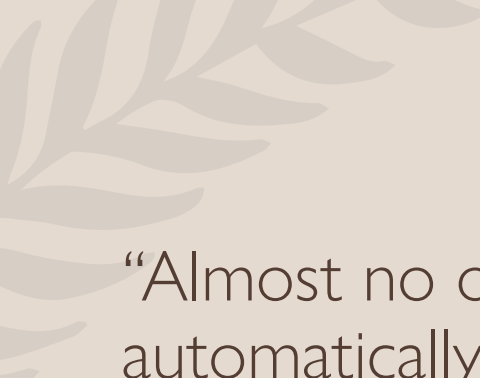


# A Biblically Inspired Marriage



# The Dream For Marriage

WE LONG TO EXPERIENCE ONENESS, BUT WE FIND IT EASY  
TO DRIFT INTO ISOLATION




“Almost no one is foolish enough to imagine that he automatically deserves great success in any field of activity, yet almost everyone believes that he automatically deserves success in marriage.”

Sydney J. Harris

# When our dreams are Challenged, we can do one of three things

- Give Up on our dreams.
- Get Out and find a new dream
- Grab Hold of a better dream

We believe there that God has a bigger vision for our marriage and life than we probably had for ourselves.



For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10


# Communication Goal

## Build Oneness By Sharing Who You Are

LEVEL	NAME	Description	Example
1	Cliché	Non-Sharing Vague	I'm Fine
2	Fact	Sharing what you know	It is raining
3	Opinion	Sharing what you think	That shirt is nice
4	Emotion	Sharing what you feel	I am sad
5	Transparency	Sharing who you are	I am God's Masterpiece

# Bad Communication Habits

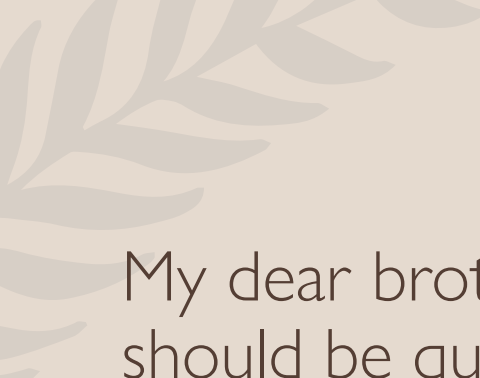
TYPE	
Stuffer	Keep everything inside and bottled up until they blow up
Shouter	Shout and say anything on their mind
Interrupter	Constantly saying something to interrupt
Rambler	Keeps going on and on even if not relevant to topic
Arguer	Everything is an argument



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My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James: 1:19



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

# God's three purposes for marriage

- Model the unity of God to those around you


So God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them

Genesis: 1:27



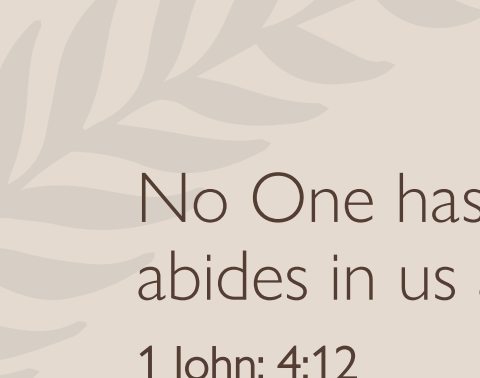
“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

John: 17:22-23



He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 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’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Matthew: 19:4-6



No One has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John: 4:12

“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John: 13:34-35

# God's three purposes for marriage

- Impact your corner of the world with a God-centered family

And God blessed them. And 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 over the earth.”

Genesis: 1:28

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

Genesis: 2:15

# God's three purposes for marriage

- Pursue lifelong Companionship

“It's not good for the man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion.”

Genesis: 2:18 – Message



# Adam and Eve Chose to:

- Believe God has brought you together for a purpose

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

Genesis 2:20

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

Genesis 2:21-22

# Adam and Eve Chose to:

- Receive your spouse as God's gift/companion for you

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."

Genesis 2:23

# Adam and Eve Chose to:

- Leave behind old ways of life

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:24 KJV

# Adam and Eve Chose to:

- Cleave to your spouse

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Genesis 2:24 KJV

# Adam and Eve Chose to:

- Weave together as one flesh

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24-25 KJV



# The Fall of Marriage

EVERY BIBLICAL MARRIAGE WILL ENCOUNTER THREE  
MAJOR THREATS TO ONENESS

# Major Threats to Oneness:

- The Invisible Threat - Satan

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.

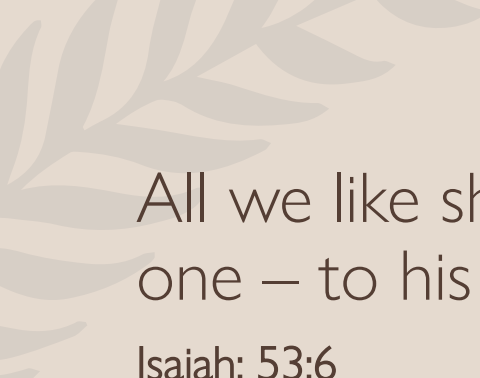
Genesis 3:1

# Major Threats to Oneness:

- The Internal Threat - Self

The Bible calls this our “sin nature” or walking in our “flesh”. Following Adam and Eve’s footsteps, we are born into it.






All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way.

Isaiah: 53:6


For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans: 3:23



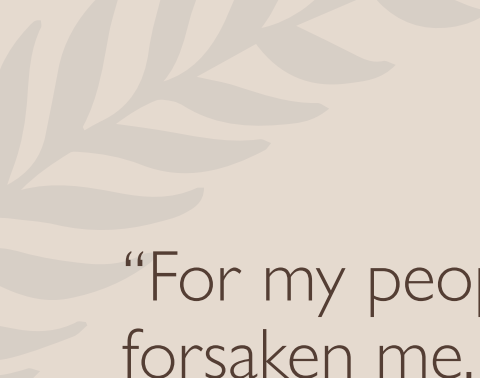
For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep doing.

Romans: 7:18-19



“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ... You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

Matthew: 7: 3-5




“For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Jeremiah: 2: 13

# Major Threats to Oneness:


- The External Threat - World

We live in a broken world that devalues God's original design for oneness



“Marriage is under attack. Marriage has always been under attack. The world, flesh, and the devil are all adamantly opposed to marriage, especially to marriages that are distinctly Christian. Marriage, after all, is given by God to strengthen his people and to glorify Himself; little wonder, then, that it is constantly a battleground.”

Tim Challies



Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but from this world.

1 John: 2: 15-16



# The Hope For Marriage

GOD NEVER INTENDED FOR YOU TO FACE LIFE OR  
MARRIAGE ALONE




# Four things to remember in God's power for oneness:

- Remember: God Pursues us even when we don't pursue him

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3: 8-9



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies  
never come to an end; they are new every morning; great  
is your faithfulness.

Lamentations: 3: 22-23

But your iniquities have made a separation between you  
and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from  
you so that he does not hear.

Isaiah: 59: 2




We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment...

Isaiah: 64: 6

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6: 7-8 NIV



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Ephesians 2:10

# Four things to remember in God's power for oneness:

- Remember: God Restores our companionship with Him through Jesus

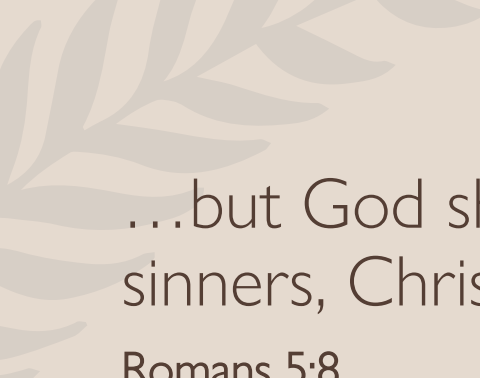
Jesus said to him “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.”

John 14: 6



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15



...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.


Romans 5:8

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become righteous of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21



“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

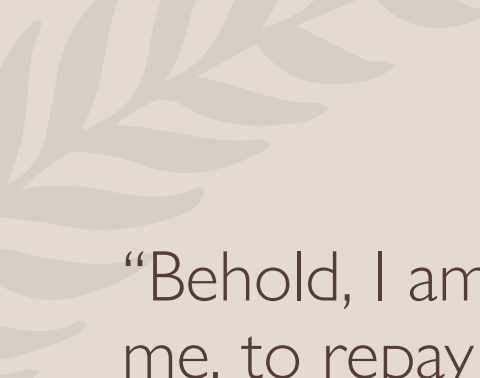


# Four things to remember in God's power for oneness:

- Remember: God Empowers us with the Holy Spirit

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Galatians 5:16 NLT



“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Revelation 22: 12-13



Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths.

Ephesians 4:29

Do not repay evil for evil...but on the contrary, bless.

1 Peter 3:9

Be angry and do not sin.

Ephesians 4:26

...forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you.

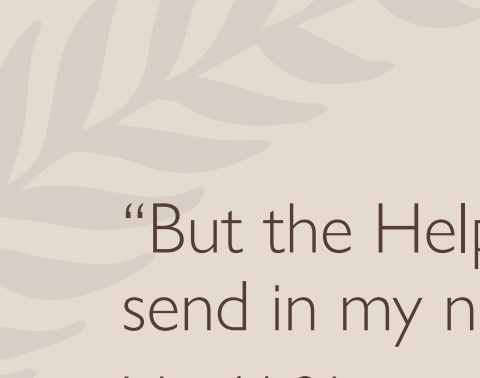
Colossians 3:13

# Four things to remember in God's power for oneness:

- Remember: God Encourages us through others who follow Jesus

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25



“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things...”

John: 14: 26

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4: 7-8



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians: 5: 11

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs: 20: 5



# The Mission of Marriage

MAKE THE DREAM A REALITY

## Take the Next Right Step:

- What if you could learn how to move closer together when you feel isolated in your marriage?
- What if you could have the marriage others (family, friends, neighbors) would want for themselves?
- What if your marriage could make a difference in the world?