

# GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING



# **THE MARRIAGE MODEL**

Genesis 2:18-25



# **1. The Gift of Marriage**

## Genesis 2:18

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## 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.

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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 2:23

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."

## Ephesians 5:28–29

In the same way husbands should **love their wives** as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and **cherishes** it...



## Genesis 2:18

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Ephesians 5:22–23

Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord.  
For the husband is the head of the wife...



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## **2. The Glue of Marriage**



## Genesis 2:24–25

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## Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they **knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.**



Ephesians 5:31

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

Marriage was designed from the beginning to display Christ and the church, and the very essence of the new covenant is that Christ passes over sins in his bride. His bride is free from shame not because she is perfect, but because she has no fear that her lover will condemn her or shame her with her sin.

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This is why the doctrine of justification is at the very heart of what makes marriage work. It creates peace with God vertically, in spite of our sin. And when experienced horizontally, it creates shame-free peace between an imperfect man and an imperfect woman.

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## Ephesians 5:33

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,  
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.