

# A Biblical View of Marriage

## Genesis 2:18-22

*"Then the Lord God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man."  
- Genesis 2:22*

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**Main Point:** The elements of a healthy marriage are displayed through Eve's creation.

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*Was there a time you are willing to share with the group when you went against the grain, counter to what the world was telling you?*

*Is there someone whose marriage you really admire? Share why.*

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The definition of marriage is under attack in our culture and around the world. But what does God's word have to say about the marriage relationship and does it still apply today? It's important that we understand God's design for our relationships instead of adopting the views of a fallen world. Understanding marriage is a relationship instituted by God and then following His blueprint will provide a strong foundation for lasting love in a world where commitment has become cliché.

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**Biblical marriage is comprised of 3 key elements:**

### 1. **STABILITY.** Have a volunteer read **Genesis 2:18.**

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There has been a steady decline in the number of people getting married and staying married. In your eyes, how has this affected society and the values of our culture?

Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. What does this passage point out about the stability of having a partner? Why do you think it mentions a cord of three strands and not two?

A committed marriage creates a healthy, stable life for both the couple and their children. What has been your experience, either personally or with loved ones, who came from broken homes? How can we be a part of healing marriages before they fall apart? Consider reading **Matthew 18:15-20** for insight.

David Jeremiah writes "We cannot reinvent our fundamental institutions without going against the created order." What is that created order and how is same sex marriage challenging its stability?

**2. PARTNERSHIP. Have a volunteer read Genesis 2:19-20.**

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It's important to remember that God created Eve as a complement to Adam. But why then does Paul use words such as "submissive" when describing the marriage relationship? Read **Ephesians 5:22-33**.

What does v.33 sum up as the most important things we can give our spouse? Do you agree, and why are these two things so crucial in the partnership of marriage?

In what ways do men and women differ, yet complement each other, in the marriage partnership? How have you seen this at work in your own relationships?

**3. GOD. Have a volunteer read Genesis 2:21-22.**

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Marriage began with God and it's important that He remains at the center of every marriage. In your own words how would you explain the main goal of a Christian marriage?

How does a proper view of marriage affect our relationship with God? How does it affect the lives of those who are single?

How can living out God's marriage ideals be difficult? In what ways can it be rewarding?

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***Pray:***

*Thank the Lord for the marriages you have seen on display that represent His ideals. Pray for God's mercy in your own marriage. Ask Him to give you courage to stand on His word when it comes to your view of marriage and your role in it. Pray for those whose marriages are hurting and ask for healing.*

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