

DESIGNED FOR US
Becoming Us #1
April 12, 2026

Big Idea: God designed marriage to turn _____ and _____ into indivisible _____.

GOD DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO CREATE "US"

1. God designed marriage to tame our _____ and teach us how to _____. (Genesis 2:24-25; Phil. 2:1-4)

- **Couple Time Exercise:**

2. God designed marriage for one _____ and one _____ for _____. (Matt. 19:4-8)

- **Jesus reaffirmed that God created _____ genders.**
- **Jesus reaffirmed that marriage is for _____ man and _____ woman**
- **Jesus reaffirmed that God seals the marriage covenant for _____.**
- **Jesus affirmed that divorce was _____ part of God's plan for marriage.**

- **Personal Reflection Questions:**

3. God designed marriage to reflect the _____ of Christ through us. (Ephesians 5:25,31-33; John 13:34-35)

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, perhaps the best definition of love in the Bible. Read it again saying your first name before each phrase. _____ is patient, _____ is kind...etc. Which ones felt awkward or untrue of you? God wants to help you learn how to love like Jesus. It begins by committing to trust and follow Him and then asking God to help you grow your love in the ways these verses challenged you.

Tuesday: Read Philippians 2:1-4. How are you doing with meeting the needs of your spouse (if married) OR girlfriend/boyfriend, family members or close friends (if single)? Ask God to help you exchange selfishness for humility. Write down what He tells you. If married, schedule a time to meet and discuss these verses with your spouse.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 19:1-9. If you are divorced, realize that God didn't put these verses in the Bible to shame you. God still loves you after your divorce as much as He loved you before. Ask God to help you learn and grow from your divorce and give you the capacity to forgive your ex. If you are married, ask God to help you to develop a tender heart and think skin. Marriage is hard work that requires both tenderness and toughness at the right time and in the right measure. Where do you need to grow tenderness and toughness?

Thursday: Read Ephesians 5:22-33. In our culture the idea of a wife submitting to her husband is seen as archaic and wrong. The funny thing is that no one thinks a husband being required to love His wife like Jesus loves her is unreasonable. Husbands, how well does your love for your wife reflect Christ's love for the church. Wife, how well does your respect for your husband reflect the respect/submission of the church to Christ? Don't push back on these commands. Ask God to help your marriage reflect the saving love of Christ to those around you.

Friday: Read John 17, Jesus' longest recorded prayer. Do you see the Live SENT reference in v. 18? Count the times "one" is mentioned in v. 20-23. Jesus said that our "oneness" with the Father, Jesus and other believers is a witness to the world around us. How well does your relationship with your spouse and other believers reflect the love of Jesus to and for your "neighbors"?