

THE MESSAGE OF MARRIAGE

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The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

— Genesis 2:18 (NIV)



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HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

On average, marriages that end in divorce last between 5 and 10 years. Many expect it to be a happily ever after. But in reality, it's a ton of effort and adaptability.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Whether you're a student, married, or single, what's your general view about marriage?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Every human was created in the image of our relational God. This means we were made to exist in relationship. We can't function well and live purposefully without meaningful relationships.
- The first human relationship that God designed was marriage. It's one type of relationship that many people have wrong worldviews or mindsets about.
- But God's design for marriage is for man and woman, for companionship, for raising children, and as the foundation of society.
- In addition, a godly marriage sends a message of God's loving leadership, the Church's joyful submission to Him, and is a testimony to the world.
- But marriage, and all relationships, can only flourish with God's grace. In Christ, we can love and forgive each other and be united in His purpose.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- Do you hold any of these worldviews or mindsets about marriage?
 - Worldviews: Marriage isn't worth it; is outdated; can be whatever I want it to be
 - Mindsets: Marriage is doomed to be unhealthy; it's impossible to stay faithful; it only works if you find your perfect fit
- What is one mindset on marriage you had that was broken or confirmed by this lesson?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray to see marriage the way God designed it. Pray for an open heart to God's will for you when it comes to marriage.
- Pray for marriages to be godly and flourishing, displaying God's loving leadership and our joyful submission to Him in unity.

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**That is why a man leaves his father
and mother and is united to his wife,
and they become one flesh.**

— Genesis 2:24 (NIV)