

Pre-Marital Counseling  
Session 2

## Session 2: Christian Marriage I – Basics.

Marriage in our culture focuses on the ceremony. Ceremonies are nice and everything, but it's really about what comes after. Marriage isn't about the dress, the music, the unity candle, the flower girl, the ring bearer or the reception following. Marriage should be about the truth of Scripture.

**A.** Let's open our Bibles, electronic or otherwise to Genesis 2:18-24.  
Groom – Give me 1 thing that stands out to you from this passage.  
Bride – what stands out to you?

Here some things to glean from the story.

1. Adam did not take a wife; he received one from God!
2. Marriage is permanent! As permanent as losing a rib!
  - a. What is your view on divorce?

Here are some scriptures on it for your personal study..

Leviticus 21:7,14, Deuteronomy 22:19, 24:1-3, Jeremiah 3:1,8, Ezekiel 44:22; Malachi 2:16, Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18, Romans 7:1-3.)

**3.** Genesis 2:18: *Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."* -What does this say to you about the marriage covenant?

I need to ask you about the timing of your marriage. Why now?

**4.** Are there any hindrances to "becoming one flesh." The directive of Genesis 2:24 for the man to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. Will there be any problems from parents and siblings in this regard? If so, how will you handle them?

**B.** Let's read I Corinthians 13:4-7 together.

To what extent do these qualities of love exist in your relationship? Which are less evident? Don't just talk about yourself, but talk about each other.

**C.** Through all of this I'm attempting to discern your maturity, both spiritually and emotionally.

Have you studied the Word of God together?

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