A Marriage Made in Heaven

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INTRODUCTION

- The first and most important relationship in any family is the husband-wife relationship.
- From the way we were to the way it is.
- We can tough it out and live with it. We can move out or we can remodel.

1 There Is a Marriage Made in Heaven

Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:18; Psalm 127:1

- God instituted marriage. I mean, it was the very first organization and organism that God created.
- So it's not a man made thing. It's not something we devised or that we can revise and make better.
- Verse 18 says, The Lord God said, It is not good for the man to be alone. I'll make him a helper suitable for him.
- God made that man by himself so that he would understand this is not good. So that man would realize he's not complete without that woman.
- Marriage is not a gamble or a chance thing. Not the way God intended it to be. Good marriages don't happen by luck or by chance.
- Whatever your sources, they better come back to being rooted in the word of God. Because God has the answers for us.

2 Number One, Severance: We've Got to Leave Home

Genesis 2:24

- The Genesis writer is not talking about Adam and Eve's marriage. He's talking about our marriages.
- A man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife.
- At the marriage of your children, the best gift you can give your children is to release them. To turn them loose.
- It's got to be a conscious effort on your part to separate yourself from the influence and authority and dominance of your respective homes to become what you are in your family.
- You've got to make your own way. You've got to get out from under the parental domain.

3 Number Two, Permanence: Cleave to Your Mate

Matthew 19:6

- Just as you separate yourself on the one hand, you cling to or cleave to your mate on the other hand.
- You're cutting off and clinging to, tying together. You're separating and joining.
- God intended there to be a commitment on the part of the couple to be married together, to be joined by vows and promises that they will take care of each other.

- What God has joined together, let not man put asunder. God put you together. Don't throw in the towel.
- Permanence is the other side of the coin. Cleaving to one another. Holding to one another, making some firm commitments that this is going to be our lives together.

4 They Shall Become One Flesh

Genesis 2:24

- The one flesh relationship is not just a sexual statement. It's a statement of unity. It is the idea that they will become one unit.
- That's thinking alike. That's common purposes. That's common goals. That's common fears. That's common challenges. That's common joys. That's common love.
- It's a growth process that takes place over a long period of time. Doesn't happen overnight.
- That's unity. That's not uniformity. There's a difference.
- Unity is working by consensus. It's giving and taking.
- It's ruling by servant leadership, as Jesus demonstrated for us in his own life. It's willingly blending two wills together.

MY NOTES