Getting Married

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INTRODUCTION

- Jacob met Rachel, and he fell in love with Rachel, and he wanted to marry Rachel.
- I wanted to talk about getting married. Because this is a stage in Jacob's life. ... Don't you know that when you get married, you have to be qualified to do that?

1 Four Things Adam Had Before Marriage

Genesis 2:7; Genesis 2:18

- It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him.
- Adam had a job. He didn't say, let me get the girl first and then I will find employment later.
- Adam had a place to stay. It was Eden.
- He knew how to take care of himself. He didn't look to get married for somebody to take care of him.
- So you have to have something in common. And the one you need to have in common is God.

2 What Ends a Marriage

Matthew 19:3–9

- When you get married, you are making a lifelong commitment.
- Marriage is important no matter how the media, no matter how the world has downplayed it. God instituted marriage.
- There's only three types of individuals that are ever going to be qualified to get married. Number one, a person that has never been married before.
- They commit adultery. ... You put them away for that cause. God permits you to go ahead and remarry if that's what you choose to do.

3 Marriage Is a Covenant, Not a Contract

- A contract is I will do my part for as long as you do your part.
- Marriage is a covenant. That means that I have made a commitment to this other party, and I'm going to fulfill my obligations, whether the other person fulfilled their obligations or not.
- God doesn't stop being God because we stop being godly.
- If you're going to make the decision to get married, you have to understand what marriage is before you enter this covenant.

4 Be Faithful

Proverbs 5:18–23; Job 31:1; 1 Peter 3:7–12

- In order for your marriage to work, here's a good idea. Be faithful.
- Be intoxicated with the love of your spouse always.

- We have to be faithful with our eyes.
- We have to think pure thoughts. We have to think right thoughts.
- Why would we say things that tear people down when we need to say things that ought to build people up?
- Don't believe the hype. Do what Joseph did and run.

5 Five Things Before We Say I Do

Ecclesiastes 4:9–11

- Number one, we must make sure this relationship is initiated for the benefit of the other person.
- Number two, we must be ready, willing, and able to make and keep unconditional promises through our relationships.
- Number three, our love for the other person is a steadfast agape love.
- Number four, we must view commitment as permanent.
- Number five. We must not fear confrontation, … nor must we withhold forgiveness.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Your marriage will fail if you withhold forgiveness. Your marriage will fail if you fear confrontation.**

MY NOTES