Marriage Matters to God

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INTRODUCTION

- Because no one's been defending marriage for years.
- When we mistreat our spouse, do not honor them, do not support them, do not submit to them. Then we ourselves are debasing marriage.
- I'm not worried so much about society. I'm worried about what does marriage mean to me.

1 Marriage Has Always Mattered to God

Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:18; Matthew 19:3–9

- Certainly marriage does matter to God. Marriage has always mattered to God.
- When we come to chapter 2 and read in verse 18, that when the Lord looked at man and said, It is not good that man should be alone.
- In some ways we could say that marriage is, in fact, the completion and the perfection of God's creation.
- What therefore God has joined together? Let no man separate.
- Not to God. Never to God. Marriage has mattered to God from the beginning.

2 Marriage Involves Real Love

1 Corinthians 13:4–7; Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4

- Why does God think marriage is so important? Well, it's because of what marriage involves. First of all, marriage involves real love.
- We read in 1 Corinthians 13 and verse 4 that love is patient and love is kind.
- Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. That's the marriage that God wants us to have.
- You don't give instructions to people about how to feel.

3 Marriage Involves True Commitment

Malachi 2:14–16; Matthew 5:27–32; Ephesians 5:21–25

- But marriage also involves true commitment.
- And then the Lord says in verse 16, I hate divorce.
- We are talking about the commitment that would give your heart to your spouse and your spouse alone.
- And it's a commitment that involves submission by both parties.
- You cannot be subject to your husband if you are not committed, fully, wholly committed to that person.

4 The Same Qualities Needed to Follow God

2 Corinthians 11:2; John 14:15; Genesis 24:64–67

- Those things matter to God because those are the same qualities that are needed to follow God.
- There's a reason why our relationship to God is typified as a marriage.
- If you love me, you'll keep my commandments. You'll follow me.
- Not temporary commitment, not commitment for a day, but real lifelong commitment. That's why marriage matters to God.
- Love lasts and love grows because love is viewed in light of this commitment that you've made to that person.

5 Marriage Matters to God Because I Matter to God

1 Corinthians 7

- Marriage matters to God because I matter to God.
- The point is not that you have to be married to know how to love and be committed to God.
- This is marriage that matters. Relationships that are formed on love and true commitment.
- When you live in a society that no longer values marriage as it's supposed to be, then guess what? People's love for God is going to suffer too.

THE CHALLENGE

You can have that relationship with God if you'll enter into it with him. This is a marriage by choice. Would you believe in his son, Jesus?

MY NOTES