Worthy Woman, Worthy Man: God's Design for Marriage

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk this morning about the idea of worthy men and worthy women, particularly as it regards God's design for marriage.

1 The Worthy Woman Does Her Husband Good

Proverbs 31:10–31

- An excellent wife, who can find. For her worth is far above jewels.
- Whatever she does, she does with the intention of doing good for her husband and for her family, and because of that, her children rise up and call her blessed.

2 The Worthy Man: A Covenant With My Eyes

Job 31

- I have made a covenant with my eyes. How then could I gaze upon a virgin? I have been faithful to my wife, in other words.
- He's describing a kind of a model of what we might call a worthy man who's not materialistic.
- What we have in Job 31 is in some ways the male counterpart, if you will, to what we read in Proverbs 31.

3 Christ Is the Model of a Worthy Man

Philippians 2; 1 Peter 3:7

- Christ Himself is the model, not just a human like Job, but he is the model for what a perfect man, what a worthy man is.
- Our task as worthy men is to become students of our wives, not just women generally, but of our wives in particular.

4 Have You Not Read? What God Has Joined Together

Genesis 1; Genesis 2

- It took male and female to completely express in human terms what the image of God is.
- What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.
- Because of the hardness of your heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way.

5 The Good News: Most Marriages Make It

- It is possible to do what God designed in marriage. If we will follow his instructions, it's possible to do that.

- So the good news about marriage is most marriages make it. And my message this morning is we can too.
- Weekly church attendance alone significantly lowers the divorce rate, roughly by 25 to 50 percent, depending on the study.

6 Count on the Other When the Going Gets Tough

- These good relationships don't have to be smooth all the time, says the current director of the study.
- As long as they felt they could really count on the other when the going got tough, those arguments didn't take a toll.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So what shall we do? Again, learn what God says. Determine with commitment to obey it, that come what may, whatever the problems are that arise, I'm going to do what God wants me to do.**

MY NOTES