

Introduction

- I. The great struggle of marriage is the selfishness that lives in our hearts.
- II. This passage teaches us that God's purpose with marriage is to teach us about His covenant.

**The Covenant of Marriage**

I. **The Idea**

- A. The text reveals that God has ordained marriage to help us to understand our covenant relationship to Him.

- B. This teaches us to approach marriage from a God-centered perspective and not a man-centered perspective.

II. **The Specifics** of what marriage teaches us about God and His covenant.

- A. Marriage is a relationship of friendship and love that teaches us about God's undeserved and unconditional love in Jesus Christ.

- B. Marriage is a bond until death through which God teaches us that His covenant is forever and that He is faithful. We see this in vs. 19 and 20.

III. **The Promise**

- A. In God's covenant, God makes promises.

- B. We are encouraged to live by the promises we make in our marriages.