

IV. SYMBOLIC LOVE (5:31-32)

“18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

Genesis 2:18, 21-24

“4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

Matthew 19:4-6

“14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:...”

Malachi 2:14-16a

CONCLUSION: Yay Marriage requires losing the “I” and adding the “we”.

“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”
Philippians 2:4

YAY MARRIAGE
Happy Wife, Happy Life
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INTRODUCTION

A. Yay Marriage! Let’s celebrate marriage together!!

“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.”
Proverbs 5:18

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”
Hebrews 13:4

B. Every marriage struggles at some point because they are a unique blend of personalities, history, circumstances, and problems. This teaching series will show you how to enjoy your marriage, and all relationships, through the love and respect connection.

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C. TEXT: Ephesians 5:25-32 (Pew Bible/Pg 200/New Testament)

The primary role of the husband is to be a loving leader (v 25a).

“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”
Colossians 3:19

HAPPY WIFE, HAPPY LIFE

I. SACRIFICIAL LOVE (5:25b)

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

“4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.” John 13:4-5

“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:” Galatians 1:4

“But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.” I Corinthians 7:33

“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” Matthew 26:39

“...seeketh not her own,...;” I Corinthians 13:5b

II. SANCTIFYING LOVE (5:26-27)

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” John 15:3

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

“26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.” Ephesians 4:26-27

III. SUSTAINING LOVE (5:28-30)

“35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39

- To “nourish” means to **feed**.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29

- To “cherish” means to **care**.

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife,...” I Peter 3:7a