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- Marriage is something that God designed. God invented it. God determined the boundaries of it. God defines it. God lays out the expectations.
- Why did God create marriage? What was His purpose? What are God's expectations?

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- God told Adam and Eve to multiply and replenish the earth.
- You are preparing your children to one day the nest.
- It is ______ for one or both of you to build your life around your kids to the neglect of your spouse.
- Your spouse is _____, and they need to know that.

2.					

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." **Ephesians 5:31**

"Yet you say, Wherefore? Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously: yet is she your companion, and the wife of your covenant." Malachi 2:14

"His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my **beloved**, and this is my **friend**..." **Song of Solomon 5:16**

	There is a very strong partnership that should exist in marriage. In
	other words, you are friends.
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	Marriage was intended for pleasure. Proverbs 5:18-19
	"Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled:
	but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4
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	The Bible is very clear that one of the God-ordained purposes of
	marriage is to serve as a safeguard against sin.
	1 Corinthians 7:1-5
5.	
	Marriage between two believers should paint a beautiful picture of
	the that the church has with Jesus Christ.
	"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church,
	and gave himself for it For we are members of His body,
	of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave
	his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife,
	and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:25, 30-31
	No marriage is . We all have room for work.

But it begins by accepting God's purposes for marriage.