

Marriage Minded

Ephesians 5:15-33

Main Point: Marriage is ultimately about the gospel and is designed to bring glory to God.

1. God established marriage as a living picture of the ultimate purpose in creation – the glorious, eternal union between Himself and His people.
(Gen. 1:27-28, 31; 2:15-24; Rev. 19:6-9)
2. The Spirit empowered life of the church encourages all of us to prioritize Christ-centered relationships.
(Eph. 5:15-21)
3. Marriage demonstrates the perfect submission and love of Jesus in order to sanctify His followers.
(Eph. 5:22-33)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How does the creation of Adam and Eve inform us about God's intended design for marriage? Gen. 1:27-31, 2:15-25
2. How did sin corrupt God's ideal design? Gen. 3:16
3. Read Rev. 19:6-9 and discuss the beauty of our ultimate destiny.
4. How does understanding marriage as a picture of the Gospel change your view of its purpose? How does marriage sanctify believers?
5. Discuss God's miraculous power in a troubled marriage that you have experienced or witnessed. How do these stories reflect God's power to redeem and restore broken marriages?
6. Why is it important for Christian marriages to thrive in the context of a church community? How does the Spirit filled conduct of a church encourage Christ-centered relationships? Eph. 5:15-21; 1 Peter 5:7-9, Prov. 13:20, 3:5-7; 1 Cor. 3:16, Phil. 4:4-6, Phil. 2:1-5
7. How can those who are not married still find joy and purpose in the biblical teaching on marriage? Eph. 5:15-21; 1 Cor. 7:8-9
8. In practical terms, how can a wife's submission reflect the Church's trust in Christ, and how can a husband's love mirror Christ's sacrifice? Matt. 22:29-30; Eph. 5:21-33.

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— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle