



SACRED RELATIONSHIPS

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THE FLOW OF MARRIAGE

PART 2

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GOD



GOD IS LOVE



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SIX VALVES

1. Spirit Filled Communication
2. Mutual Submission
3. Standing Structure

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:25-33

APPLIED FAITH

To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

Ephesians 5:26

APPLIED FAITH

One of the most misquoted statistics: Christians divorce at the same rate as unbelievers.

APPLIED FAITH

"Couples who regularly practice any combination of serious religious behaviors and attitudes - attend church nearly every week, read their Bible and spiritual materials regularly; pray privately and together; generally take their faith seriously, living not as perfect disciples, but serious disciples - enjoy significantly lower divorce rates than mere church members, the general public, and unbelievers."

Professor Bradley Wright, a sociologist at the University of Connecticut

APPLIED FAITH

Every marriage needs a mechanism of spiritual and emotional renewal in order to maintain healthy bonding.

APPLIED FAITH

The role of the husband is key.

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SACRED BOUNDARIES

For this reason a man will **LEAVE** his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31

SACRED BOUNDARIES

The sacred covenant creates sacred boundaries.

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SACRED BOUNDARIES

Misplaced loyalties are a cancer to marriage.

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INTIMATE UNION

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Ephesians 5:31

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The Bible is pro-sex in the covenant of marriage. And the Bible is against sex before the covenant of marriage.

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The monstrosity of sexual intercourse outside marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the sexual) from all others kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union [of marriage].

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

INTIMATE UNION

True intimacy is a three-fold experience:

- Spiritual
- Emotional
- Physical