

Ephesians 5:21-33 - "Gospel-Rooted Marriage"

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Be Who You Are / Marriage; Love / Genesis 2:15–25; Ephesians 5:21–33

Discussion Questions:

1. How has marriage been illustrated to you in your life?
2. Considering one of your relationships (i.e. marriage, friendship, family), describe a situation when the issue wasn't really the *issue*.
3. Read [Genesis 2:15-25](#).
 - a. What observations about marriage can be made from this text?
 - b. What truths, purposes, promises, or commands do you see in the text?
 - c. Based upon this text (and/or others in the Bible), what is God's design for marriage?
4. Read [Ephesians 5:21-33](#).
 - a. Why do you think Paul talks about marriage in a chapter in which he is communicating how to walk in love?
 - b. In [Genesis 2:18](#), the words "helper fit for him" mean *corresponding to* or *to hold up*. The term "helper" does not mean someone just tagging along, like a child holding his dad's wrench until he needs it. How might this understanding cause us to comprehend [Ephesians 5:21-33](#) differently?
 - c. What words or phrases in this text point to God's master plan for his people?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Mike shared five steps to take when sin enters a marriage:

- a. Remember the gospel
 - b. Be humbly honest
 - c. Extend grace & honor
 - d. Repent & forgive
 - e. Trust & seek reconciliation
- Which of these do you need to give attention to in your marriage, your view of marriage, or in another relationship?