

## What's the Goal of Marriage?

Recapturing Joy in Marriage (part 1)

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25

### Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

### Genesis 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam<sup>[1]</sup> no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs<sup>[2]</sup> and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib<sup>[3]</sup> he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said,

(continued on back)

"This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called 'woman,'  
for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The goal of marriage:

To glorify God by reflecting His \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why can marital oneness be so difficult to pursue?

☞ \_\_\_\_\_ attract

☞ Our \_\_\_\_\_ nature

☞ \_\_\_\_\_ battle

Some pre-requisites to pursuing oneness in marriage

☞ \_\_\_\_\_

☞ \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Willingness to \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Willingness to focus on your \_\_\_\_\_ issues and  
not your \_\_\_\_\_ issues

☞ Tap into the \_\_\_\_\_ power and leading

Conclusion