



## Liberty Baptist Church Scripture Reflections

# The Marriage Recipe

Life Group Discussion  
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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

Sermon Bible Verses: **Genesis 2**

*Marriage statistics show that 50% of 1st time marriages get divorced. 2nd marriages divorce at a 60% rate and 3rd marriages at 73%.*

- Consider why this rate is so much higher today than 50 years ago.
- How do marriage expectations differ between men and women?
- How has culture portrayed marriages in TV and movies? How does this affect how you or your children view marriage?

**Gen2:18 And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”**

- How are women comparable to men? What is a help meet’s role? Who decides what constitutes as help?
- Why is it not good for man to be alone? What are men missing for them to need a helper?
- In today’s culture, do wives embrace the premise that she is her husband’s helper? Why or why not?
- Consider how difficult it is to help someone who does not want your help. Why do men often reject help, not only from others, but our helpmate as well?

**4 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

**...Therefore, a man...**

- What realizations about marriage should men make *prior* to marriage? What does being a “man” look like in marriage?

**...a man shall leave his father and mother**

- What level of independence is required of a man to commitment to his wife? What are the steps to commitment?
- During your marriage, which partner usually “Goes to mama’s” when arguing?
- How important is it to not rely on our parents or friends to solve our marriage issues?

**... and be joined (cleaved) to his wife**

- What does it mean to be cleaved to someone?
- If I am ‘Stuck’ to someone via a holy covenant, at what point in marriage do I become “Unstuck” to them?

**...and *they* shall become one flesh.**

- Who is they? What is the significance of becoming one flesh? Is this speaking about sexual intimacy or relational intimacy or both? Describe what relational intimacy means regarding trust in marriage.

**Pastor Matt spoke about what love is.**

- How does your definition of love compare with Paul's definition of love below, especially the words longsuffering and endurance?

**1 Corinthian 13: 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

What is fascinating in this "divine definition" of love is that (1) all 14 descriptions are verbs and (2) all the verbs are in the present tense, which speaks of continuous action. In other words, the feeling or action Paul describes with each verb is a description of one's lifestyle or habitual practice.

Marriage by definition is:

1. A holy covenant
2. Initiated by God
3. Conditioned on a permanent promise
4. Oneness with an imperfect person of the opposite sex
5. For a lifetime
6. To glorify God
7. Requires endurance
8. Requires love on a supernatural level
9. A daily habitual practice which moves us towards the image of Christ
10. Longsuffering

Anything else we should add?

**Notable Marriage Quotes**

*...I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it.*

*...Bachelors know more about women than married men; if they didn't they'd be married too.*

*...When you make the sacrifice in marriage, you're sacrificing not to each other but to unity in a relationship.*