

# Marriage...

Made in Heaven. Lived on Earth.

## Message 6 Promise for the Future

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### ► Outline

*Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.  
...May you always be captivated by her love.*

**Proverbs 5:18,19b (NLT)**

### Construct a future for my marriage by...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ my spouse.  
(Proverbs 5:18-19; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 7:33;  
1 Peter 4:8)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory.  
(Malachi 2:15; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:23-24;  
1 Timothy 4:14-15)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to my promises.  
(Numbers 30:2; Psalm 89:34; Malachi 2:14;  
Ephesians 4:15,25)

**Answers:** 1. Cherishing 2. Creating 3. Committing

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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## ► Discussion Guide

Whether young or old, married or single, we can all benefit from exploring God's design for relationships. Use this guide with your spouse, with friends or on your own to develop healthy connections with others and a deeper relationship with Jesus.

For additional resources visit [brookwoodchurch.org/marriage](http://brookwoodchurch.org/marriage).

### Conversation Starter

Share a favorite childhood memory.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Romans 12:1-2, 10](#).

1. How does our culture define marriage? How does this differ from God's definition of marriage? See also [Genesis 2:21-25](#); [Ephesians 5:21-33](#).
2. How can serving others be an act of worship? See [Deuteronomy 6:13](#).
3. What are good reasons to get married? What are *not so good* reasons to get married?

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#).

4. What can you do to help your spouse (and close friends) grow closer to God?
5. How have you changed as a result of being married or having close friendships? Be specific. See also [Proverbs 13:20](#); [27:5-6, 17](#).

Read [Numbers 30:1-2](#); [Ecclesiastes 5:4-5](#).

6. Why do couples make vows during their wedding ceremony? What does this level of commitment say about marriage?

Read [1 Thessalonians 1:2-6](#).

7. How does the good news of the Gospel enable us to love others?
8. Name at least three things you appreciate about your spouse (or a close friend) that are different from you. How can acknowledging these differences help develop intimacy?

Read [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#).

9. How has this standard for love been evident (or missing) in the way you relate to your spouse or others close to you? Be specific.

Read [1 Corinthians 10:31](#); [Colossians 3:16-17](#).

10. What does it mean to do all things for the glory of God?
11. How is the glory of God reflected in marriage?

### Soul Training

Pause and pray for the first five people who come to mind.

### Memory Verse

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### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

Day 4: [Ephesians 4:15-16](#)

Day 2: [Numbers 30:1-2](#)

Day 5: [Luke 6:31](#)

Day 3: [1 Thessalonians 1:2-6](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, November 4, we'll begin a 4-week series in the Psalms titled *PAUSE*. To prepare for this first message, read [Psalm 23](#).

