

Oneness: God's Design For Marriage

Open:

Before you were married, what did you look forward to most about marriage?

Now that you are marriage, what do you appreciate most about being married?

Discover:

"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.

I will make a helper suitable for him.' Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. 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. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 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 and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.' For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

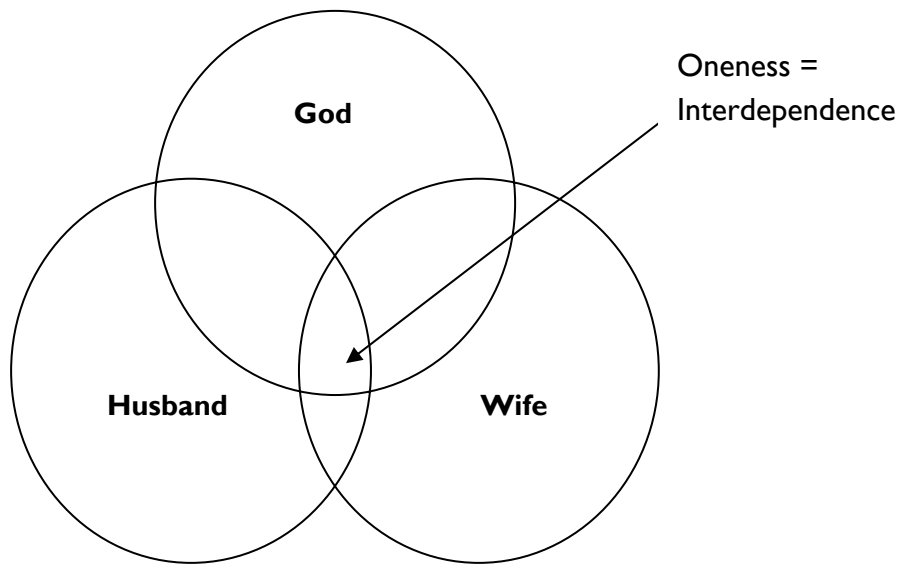
Genesis 2:18-25

What do we learn from this passage about God's design for marriage?

What does it mean that husband and wife are one flesh?

"Oneness is when you move together in a common direction, focused on a common goal to obtain a mutual benefit"

The Elements of Oneness



Why are all three “circles” essential for oneness to be achieved in marriage?

Read each verse aloud:

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:4-5

“I and the Father are one.” John 10:30 (LB)

“We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same—we are Christians.” Galatians 3:28

“I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” 1 Corinthians 1:10

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:20-21

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.” Acts 4:32

What do we learn about oneness of unity and purpose from these passages?

What does oneness in marriage look like on a day-to-day basis?

Three Barriers to Oneness

1. Pride

"...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

2. Selfishness

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

3. Stubbornness

Which of these three barriers enters your marriage the most often?

What can you do to overcome them?

Close

Pray that God would show you the places in your marriage where you need to strive for oneness and overcome these barriers to oneness in marriage.