

# Marriage is Still Good

**Review: We were created to continue God's work together.**

*I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.* John 13:34 CEV

## **1. We were created to need a partner.**

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." Genesis 2:18 NLT*

*For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts... So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" 1 Corinthians 12:14, 21 GNT*

## **2. Your spouse deserves your highest loyalty.**

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24*

*In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:28*

*A wife is not the master of her own body, but her husband is; in the same way a husband is not the master of his own body, but his wife is. 1 Corinthians 7:4 GNT*

### **3. Offer the gift of acceptance.**

*Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*  
Genesis 2:25

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*  
Romans 8:1

*As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."*  
Romans 10:11

### **4. Marriage is not meant to be about control.**

*To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*  
Genesis 3:16

Mark 10:42-44 NLT