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Marriage By God's Design

Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (*Ephesians 5:22-28, NIV*)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (*Ephesians 5:31-33, NIV*)

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. (*Genesis 2:23-24, NIV*)

Four Facts About Marriage:

1. Marriage was _____.
2. God created marriage for _____.
3. The goal of marriage is _____ or _____.
4. God wants you to be _____.

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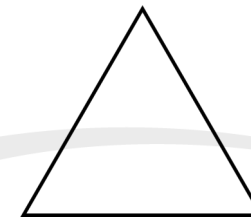
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A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (*Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT*)

_____ : A solemn agreement and
guarantee one person makes with another.

Covenant:

- Based on _____
- _____ responsibility
- _____ through life

Contract:

- Based on _____
- _____ liability
- _____ by mutual agreement

Promises & conditions: Marriage vows.

Mingling of life & shedding of blood:
Consummation by sexual intercourse.

A sign to remember: Wedding ring.

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