

Let's Talk About Love 2

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Marriage is designed by God to facilitate his mission toward man: freedom and intimacy.

God made us needy!

Genesis 2:18,21-25 – ¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ²¹ 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. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ 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." ²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Threefold Plan:

1. Leave and Cleave
2. Becoming One
3. Naked and Not Ashamed

Leave Your Father and Mother and Cleave:

Parents are the first place God designed to meet our intimacy needs.

Do I live an "earned" or "granted" lifestyle with others and myself?

What deficits exist in my life due to unmet needs from the parental relationship?

If we don't identify those unmet needs, we will place an unsustainable burden on our spouses and undermine our marriages.

Your spouse is designed to meet your needs from marriage forward, not heal the effects of unmet needs in your past.

If you demand of your spouse what only God can supply, you will begin to deteriorate the spirit of your marriage.

Only our relationship with God can heal our past unmet needs.

The first place God intended for our intimacy needs to be met is by our parents, and then we are instructed to leave that relationship for our spouse. Our spouse becomes the primary place to have our intimacy needs met.

Abandon (or leave) your parents and cleave to your spouse.

Becoming One Flesh:

Becoming one is a process and a painful one at that!

Your new identity is identified as “one” in every regard.

Ephesians 5:31 – That the husband and wife are one body is proved by the Scripture, which says, "A man must leave his father and mother when he marries so that he can be perfectly joined to his wife, and the two shall be one."

You approach everything as one.

What about my dreams? Your dreams should also be your spouse's dreams!
You don't fulfill one at the expense of the other!

Naked And Not Ashamed:

Shame is a prison cell from which there is no escape.

Guilt is about what you did or do.

Shame is about who you are!

Shame says something is wrong with me.

Marriage is designed to be a place where you can expose your most intimate needs and broken places and never feel shame.

Be careful of creating a deadlock of selfishness.

Marriage is the place where you can expose your heart to a person, enabling God to heal the wound!