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Tighten The Knot.

Oneness

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Big Idea: In Matthew 19:4-6, Jesus quotes from Genesis, telling the disciples that in the beginning, God created both man and woman to be united together as one flesh. This unison is indicative of each person leaving the protection of their parents in order to be forever joined to their spouse. In marriage, there is a bond that brings two people together that changes the dynamic they have with all their other relationships.

Intro: ONE FLESH

In Matthew 19:4-6, 4 "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" 5 And he said, "This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into **one**.' 6 Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what **God has joined together.**"

1. We are to be running a Three Legged Race.

finances, energy, schedules, goals, taxes, bank account, life, plans, etc...

Leaving and cleaving is hard but necessary.

2. When Sin Creeps in

Gen 3:16 Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."

17 And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it."

First, the Creator determines what is the ideal in marriage, and since He created one male and one female originally, He intended only one mate for each.

Second, God ordained marriage as the strongest bond in all human interpersonal relationships, so it should not be broken.

Third, the basic element in marriage is a covenant or contract that the husband and wife make with each other (cf. Mal. 2:14), and that contract involves becoming 'one flesh'

You cry out, "Why doesn't the Lord accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the Lord witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows.

Closing - We are Two BECOMING one!