

# Life Unleashed

## Tying the Knot

Introduction - Marriage originated with God. When God's plan for marriage is followed it becomes one of the most **ENCOURAGING** experiences in life.

### I. We need **EACH** Other

- Six times in God's creation work He said "It was good"
  - Genesis 2:9, Genesis 1:12, 18, 21, 25, 31
- Once God said "Not good" - Genesis 2:18
- Man's completion - Genesis 2:21-25

### II. Commit to **RESPONSIBILITY**

- Leave and cleave in a disposable society - Genesis 2:24
- A covenant commitment
- Example: Mountain climbers tied together

### III. Commit to **INTIMACY**

- Joined means glued - Genesis 2:24; That's what is missing; The glue
- Intimacy developed - 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - Forever spiritual beings - Genesis 2:7, Amos 3:3
  - Mostly souls
  - Briefly physical - James 4:14
- Example: Man with multiple wives

### IV. Commit to **TRANSPARENCY** - Genesis 2:25

- No self-consciousness, embarrassment, totally open
- Then sin entered and they covered up - Genesis 3:7
- Their nakedness was emotional, psychological and mostly spiritual; the shame/guilt
- "If my spouse knew me..."
- We can become a grace covering for each other - Ephesians 2:8-9

Conclusion - May we encourage our **SPOUSE** today with responsibility, intimacy and transparency!

*All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.*