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LESSON 55: THE MISSION OF MARRIAGE – WHY MARRIAGE?

Main Idea: *Marriage is a gift that glorifies God, edifies the married couple, and furthers the Great Commission.*

I. Marriage is a gift from God that exists for God

A. Marriage is *from God* (Genesis 2:18-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4; Psalm 24:1, 25:4)

B. Marriage exists *for God* (Colossians 1:15-16)

1. Marriage exists *for God's purpose* (Ephesians 5:31-32)

2. Marriage exists *for God's praise* (1 Corinthians 10:31)

3. Marriage exists *for God's pleasure* (2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 12:9-10; Ephesians 5:10; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; Hebrews 11:6)

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II. God uses marriage to make husbands and wives more like Jesus.

A. God uses marriage to make us more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-31).

B. Husbands and wives help each other to heaven (Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3)

C. Husbands and wives show Christ-like service (1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Ephesians 4:25-32)

III. God uses the partnership in marriage to further the Great Commission.

Observations from a godly couple: Aquila and Priscilla

- Acts 18:2-3
- Acts 18:18-19
- Acts 18:24-26
- Romans 16:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 16:19
- 2 Timothy 4:19