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If God knows that there's going to be divorce wouldn't it be better for us to cohabitate together? Wouldn't it be better to do what we're doing and that is to move in with one another, to try each other out for a while and see if this is really going to work, if we really want to make this commitment? Well that's the thinking of the world. But it is not according to the Word of God.

PART ONE

It's a phenomenon of our culture. Because never before in the history of the United States of America has it been really, socially acceptable to be cohabitating together apart from that marriage ring, apart from walking down the aisle, apart from that certificate that says, "These two have entered into a marriage covenant or a marriage agreement." Today, we're sleeping with one another. Today, we're moving in with one another. Today, in college, it is not uncommon for a guy and gal just to move in together to

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share the rent, share the bed, share the expenses and say, “Hey, you know, I want to find out if this really works.” And many times they want to find out if it’s really going to work because it didn’t work with mom and dad, because mom and dad got married and then the kids remember that messy horrible pain causing divorce that they saw their parents go through and what it did to them. What does God have to say about it? You say, “You know, I don’t want to bring God into the equation.” And I can understand that and I can understand that because you just simply don’t know who God is, because you simply don’t understand Him or understand His character. Because you think He’s a God that is afar off. Because you think that He’s a God that is busy ruling the universe, if He does or trying to run the universe, or trying to straighten it all out. And it’s such a mess that you wonder where God is anyway. And if He is God, why hasn’t He done something about what’s going on? And so you really don’t want to bring God into the equation. And you know what, Beloved? That’s part of your problem. That’s part of the problem of a lot of people. Even the people that are sitting in the churches, that call themselves Christians, that think that they are born again, or who say that they are born again. Do you realize that the divorce rate among Christians is higher percentage wise by 2 % than it is among those who do not profess to know God or believe God? So we’ve got some tremendous, tremendous problems. And that’s why I’m here. And that’s why I’m inviting you to come and sit down with me, to open the Word of God, be you male or be you female. And let’s see what God has to say. When we began this series on marriage, one of the things we saw was we needed to understand our worth, our significance to God. And as a person, as a human being, living on this planet, we needed to understand the purpose of our creation. Why was I born? Why am I living? You know the old song, “Why Was I Born, Why Am I Living?” We need to understand that. And understanding that is absolutely crucial for a good solid marriage, a marriage, so that when you get through at the end of your days and you look back, you can say, “Hey, I have no regrets. My mate may not have been everything that I wanted he or she to be. We may not have ended up the way

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I wanted us to end up, but I'll tell you this. I'm so confident that I did it the right way that I have no regrets about my marriage." So we need to understand the purpose of our creation. We've talked about that already. We need to understand the purpose of our sexuality. Why did God make us male and why did He make us female? Why did He make the man first and why did He make the woman second? And what is the relationship to one another as a man and as a woman? And we've touched on that and we've seen the differences. Now, today, what are we going to look at? We're going to look at the purpose of marriage. Why did God institute marriage? Why was marriage God's idea? Why does God say in the book of Malachi. I call him Malachi, the Italian prophet. But why did God say in Malachi, "I hate divorce. I hate the putting away of your wives." Why did God say that? If God knows that there's going to be divorce wouldn't it be better for us to cohabitate together? Wouldn't it be better to do what we're doing and that is to move in with one another, to try each other out for a while and see if this is really going to work, if we really want to make this commitment? Well that's the thinking of the world. But it is not according to the Word of God. And do you know that statistics tell us that people who have cohabitated together before they got married or even with someone else, before they got married have a higher percentage of divorces than those who have not cohabitated together? So what is the purpose of marriage? Let's just say there is a God and there is. Let's just say that He cares about us and He does. Let's just say that He's intimately concerned about how we live and He is intimately concerned about how we live. And let's just say that He knows what's going on and He knows what truth is. And let's just say that He made us. And because He made us He understands us, because He made each one of us individually, because as Psalm 139 says, "He formed you in your mother's womb." God formed you in your mother's womb. My husband is an illegitimate child. But God formed Jack in his mother's womb, when she was sixteen years old and she became pregnant by one of four guys. God knew which one, which sperm would meet which egg and that Jack would be born and God formed him in his mother's womb and numbered his days

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when as yet there was not one of them. And I'm happy to tell you that he's in his seventies and I'm so glad that God numbered his days and He numbered them long so that I could have the privilege of living with this man and being married and having a marriage without regrets. God knows! So when He designed marriage, what was His purpose? Well if we go back to Genesis, chapter 1, verse 26 and 27, He tells us that we were made in His image. You say, "Kay, you keep going back to Genesis." I told you, it's the book of beginnings. And I told you that you need to understand why we were created and how we were created. So listen to what He says. He says, in verse 28, "He blessed them, male and female, He blessed man, mankind. And He said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.'" One of the reasons for marriage is procreation. And that's right from the beginning. You see there was only one male, "...made uniquely out of the dust of the earth and breathed into with the breath of God...." by God and that was Adam. There was only one female that was literally taken and formed out of this rib. That was the woman that Adam named. Now, from then on, how are we going to come into existence? A man and a woman are going to come together physically and they are going to reproduce. They're going to bring forth, as Genesis, chapter 5 says. And by the way, this is good for you to know. So let me just go ahead and just give it to you. But in Genesis, chapter 5, it says, "This is the book of the generations of Adam." He says, "In the day, when God created man He made Him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and He blessed them. And He named them man in the day in which they were created. And when Adam had lived 130 years he became the father of a son, in his own likeness, according to his image and he named him Seth." Now what happened after Adam and Eve were created? Well they sinned. And so when Adam produced Seth, he produced a little sinner, but still God knew that. And so, God has it that a man and a woman come together. And one of those purposes of marriage is procreation. It's to start to build a family. Now listen. Why does God want a family? God is intimately involved in His creation. And God wants to show in a living picture, flesh and blood, male and female, kids growing up, God

wants to show us spiritual truths. God wants to connect us back with Him. When we go to Ephesians, chapter 3, we come across a very interesting statement. Now you know how I find Ephesians? Well the epistles are Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians. And so I just name them General Electric Power Company and that's the way I remember where they are. So in the book of Ephesians, in chapter 3 in verse 14, he says this. "For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name." Now listen. A name in Biblical times always pictured something. The names of God: Yehovah-jirah, Jehovah-jirah pictures God as our provider. Elroi, el-God, roi-see, is the God who sees. So the names show us something. The names would, many times, would show the destination of a person. The names sometimes would show the character of a person. The names sometimes would show the event by which that person was named. For instance, Ichabod was named. Ichabod means "the glory of the Lord has departed". And this is what happened in the days of Samuel. And the priest Eli, when one of his sons had a child and the ark was taken, he was named Ichabod because the glory of the Lord had departed. The ark had been taken away. So when God designed a man and a woman and this is going to be key. And we're going to go in to this later. I've got a lot of stuff to go in to later, haven't I? All right, we're going to see that our homes are to reflect to the world what God is like. And what God is saying is every family here on earth, every family in heaven, derives its name from God. Because what is God? Now listen carefully. God is a family man.

PART TWO

God is a family man and that's one of the reasons for marriage. Because you see, when you come together and you make that commitment and you say, "Okay, I'm committing myself to you. Now listen. I'm not going to use you. I'm not going to try you out to see if you fit well. I'm not going to try you out to see if you bring me pleasure. But I'm telling you that I am going to

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commit myself to you. I'm going to commit myself to you to love you unconditionally. I'm going to commit myself to you, to stick with you permanently. I'm going to commit myself to you because I desire to see you recognize your potential as a woman or as a man. And I'm going to be here for you." I'm going to say, "Hey, I believe that you and I should get married. And I'm going to marry you and then I'm going to sleep with you. And from that union I pray that God would bring forth a child." That's what it's all about. You know, the Bible talks in the Psalms about a man being "blessed of God if he has a lot of children and he has a quiver full of them". Those were, the thing that held the arrows and so he would reach back and grab that arrow and he would shoot that arrow. And he says, "A man that has a quiver full of children is a man that is blessed by God." So that's what we see from Genesis, chapter 1. We see that one of the purposes of marriage is procreation. We see the next purpose of marriage is the reason that God created the woman. When He saw man and He says, hey, "It's not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." He saw that man was never meant to be alone. And listen. Even if you're a single person, I know that you need friends. I know that you so desperately need somebody that's going to pick up the phone and call and see if your there, to see how you're doing, to see how your day went, someone to share a sunset with, someone to share a book with, we need someone. But listen. Don't go sleeping with someone, just because you need someone. Don't do that. You're going to be so sorry if you do. And do you know why? Because God says this, God says in Hebrews, chapter 13, "That marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." God designed sex for inside of marriage and not outside of marriage. God made marriage a covenant, a solemn binding agreement. And that's why in Malachi, God said, "I hate divorce. I hate the putting away of your wife of a covenant." It's an agreement. And see we all want someone that's going to stick with us through thick and thin, through storms, through trials, in sickness and in health, no matter what happens. We want somebody that's committed to us. And that's what marriage is all about. So marriage was for

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procreation, to create families and families become the unit of society. If you ever study history, you'll see this. The strength of a society finds its foundation in the strength of the home. When you start to destroy the home, eventually you corrupt the society. You can see it in every single history book. Okay. So it's for procreation, the building of a family. It is also, not only for that, but is to solve the problem of loneliness. God brought us together. It is also for another purpose. And that purpose is to have a picture. To have a picture for God to show people on earth and I mentioned this. But for God to show people on earth what is it like to be part of the family of God. What is it like to have someone that is totally and absolutely and completely committed to you, someone who will never leave you, someone who will never forsake you, someone who will always be there to help you? That's the way it is in God's family. When you become a child of God, God says, "I will never, never, never..." It's five negatives in this verse: Hebrews 13, verse 5, "I will never, never, never leave you. Nor never..." bad English, good Greek, "...nor never forsake you, so that you can boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper. I will not fear what man shall do unto me.'" Now when I say all that, the other place that I would like you to turn in your Bible, is Ephesians, chapter 5. Where God is talking to the husband and the wife and He talks about their relationship and He talks about the duties of a wife to her husband and the duties a husband to his wife. One of the things He constantly holds up before the man is the way the man is to love his wife. Look at what it says. It says, "Husbands love your wives..." now watch, "...just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...that He might sanctify her..." talking about Jesus, "...having cleansed her..." talking about the church, "...by the washing of the water with the Word." All right, so what God does is He parallels Christ relationship to the church, to the husband's relationship to the wife. And so what God wants to happen down here on earth is He wants that husband/wife relationship to be so good and so according to His Word with all that unconditional love and commitment so that it portrays to the world what God does through His Son in loving us. Because you see, as a man is married to his wife, so Christ has

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a bride also. And that bride is the church. And He goes on to say, “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself, for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes it and cherishes it just as Christ also does the church.” He says, “This mystery is great, but I’m speaking with reference to Christ and the church.” So we’re called the bride of Christ. And God even calls Israel His wife. And many times you see Him talking to Israel according to His love for her as a husband. When I wrote my novel, “Israel, My Beloved”, what I did was I wrote it in allegory form and Sarah the main character is a picture of the bride, the wife of God, and how He loves her. And you see that with the unconditional love. And the book ends with this last line. “He turns to her and He says to her, to the world, ‘You were just a Jew, but now they know you are Israel, My beloved.’” The minute that you become one flesh physically, in God’s eyes, that constitutes the marriage. As a matter of fact, later on when you get into chapters like Deuteronomy 22, it says, “If a man sees a woman in the field and he forces her and he lies with her, if he takes her virginity, then he is to take her home and to be her husband and he cannot get rid of her all the days of her life.” Why? Because that’s what God sees about marriage: It is a permanent union. It is a priority union. And not only that, it’s one that you’re going to grow in over and over and over again as you get to know one another, as you understand one another. It’s a commitment. And don’t we all need that commitment? If you’ll make that kind of a commitment, you’re headed towards a marriage without regrets.