

## Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 13, 2016

Sermon Series: The Origin of Marriage

Key Passage: Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



## The Origin of Marriage

### A. Woman is created by God as a counterpart

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." (Genesis 2:18 ESV)

### B. Woman is created from man to complete him

21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." (Genesis 2:21-23 ESV)

### C. Marriage is created by God to work a certain way

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:24-25 ESV)

# Life Group Notes

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## Getting Started

1. Did anything stand out to you about Mark's sermon this weekend? Did you hear anything that you are applying to your life? If so, what?
2. What is the best example of a Godly and life-giving marriage that you've ever seen? How has that affected your view of marriage and relationships?
3. Discuss how your time in silence went this week. Were you able to listen for God's voice? What did you hear? What did you learn?

## Read Genesis 2:18-25

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

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1. The first thing that God says is not good in all of creation is Man being alone. What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about His design for our life?
2. What does the idea of helper mean to us now? What do you think it meant to the original audience this was written to? What's changed?
3. What is the significance of God creating Woman from Man and not the dust that Man came from? What is the significance of Woman coming from Man's rib?
4. How is verse 24 understood today? What are some examples of people you know who never really left their parents once they married? What happened to the relationship with their spouse? Why is verse 24 good advice to the newly married?
5. Is there any significance to verse 25? Without getting ahead of verse 25, what does it mean to not be ashamed?

**Becoming:**

The hope for these exercises is for you to be able to identify spiritual practices that can help you transform your life through the time you spend with God. For this week's exercise, take some time out of your schedule to pour into an important relationship in your life. It can be a marriage, friendship, or a dating relationship. Take some time to just spend with the two or three of you. Put your phones away and just talk about life and what God is doing in your life. Spend time developing your relationship with those people God has placed in your life.