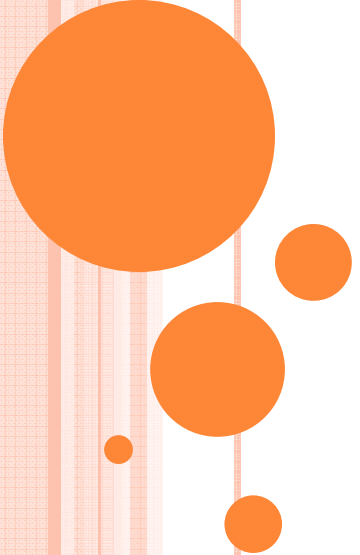




***GLORIFYING GOD
IN OUR EVERYDAY
LIVES***



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A photograph of a bedroom. In the center is a dark wood four-poster canopy bed with white curtains. The bed is made with white linens and has a blue and yellow pillow. To the right of the bed is a wicker chair with a brown cushion. In the foreground, there is a green and brown patterned rug. The background shows a white arched doorway leading to another room. The text "Glorifying God in Marriage" is overlaid in red, and "Text: Hebrews 13:4" and "05/22/11" are overlaid in black below it.

Glorifying God *in Marriage*

Text: Hebrews 13:4

05/22/11

MARRIAGE


- **Marriage is one of the few remaining public professions of committed and unconditional love that we have left in society.**





Every believer
should ***honor*** the
institution of
marriage

HEBREWS 13:4


- ⁴ *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*
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The word honor...

- ...means to *value highly*, to perceive as *precious, costly* or *dear*.



The Message...

- ...Respect for marriage and the physical intimacy that is integral to it is an essential aspect of the pursuit of holiness for born-again believers.
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In the redeemed...

- ...community, everyone must have respect for the institution of marriage no matter what state you are currently in.



God ordained...

- ...marriage as the foundational relationship in human society. God wanted mankind to worship and serve him in the context of community. If you destroy the sacredness of marriage, you destroy the foundation of society.

Genesis 2:24

- **“For this reason (see verse 23) a man shall leave his father and mother , and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”**



A marriage...

- ...consists of one man and one woman, living within the boundaries established by God. Any deviation from this is an abomination.





The marriage ***covenant*** is
sacred.

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Marriage bed undefiled...

- ...speaks to the sacredness of the covenant. The married couple experiences not just a physical union but an organic union of personalities. Two people become one.



The covenant...

- ...demands of marriage are articulated clearly in Genesis 2:24.



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The covenant demands...

- ...a very public *reprioritization* of relationships.



The covenant demands...

- o...a *permanent* and *irrevocable* bond that can only be severed by death.



The covenant demands...

- ...a level of personal *intimacy* where two people become one in every respect.



Seminal truth...

- ...you cannot *disconnect* the one-flesh aspect of marriage from the covenant of marriage.

THE COVENANT

- ***They become one flesh***
 - ***If one partner goes outside of the union, uniqueness is destroyed but not the covenant***



GENESIS 2:25

- **“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”**



THE COVENANT

- ***They walk in integrity before God***
 - ***Transparency***
 - ***Intimacy***




**Disobedience
has serious
consequences**

**THE
JUDGMENT
SEAT
OF
CHRIST**



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Twin Focus

- *Fornication* focuses on unmarried people
- *Adultery* focuses on married people



A Single Message

- When you seek physical intimacy outside of biblically established boundaries, whether you are single or married, your conduct defames the covenant of marriage, and you will be judged.



Those who place...

- ...personal gratification above responsibility to God contribute to the disintegration of the family. It is as simple as that.

