

# Transforming Life 3

Biblical counseling services of Nashville

## Week One: God's Design for Marriage

### INTRO

In your faith – what are you \_\_\_\_\_?

Where does the deepest level of your hunger lie?

1 Peter 1:3-5; 6-9

In your marriage – what are you \_\_\_\_\_?

When do expectations become “\_\_\_\_\_”?

When does a \_\_\_\_\_ hope in marriage cross the line and become a \_\_\_\_\_, demanding expectation?

The best opportunity for steady growth in Christlikeness (sanc.) is in \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. Completeness (Gen. 1:26; 2:18)

1. In the midst of perfection in the Garden, God observed that something was \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The completeness intended by God includes \_\_\_\_\_:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. \_\_\_\_\_
- I. \_\_\_\_\_
- J. \_\_\_\_\_
- K. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Husband and wife are now a \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Companionship (Gen. 2:18)

1. Husband and wife are now \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What it means to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Sin \_\_\_\_\_. This presents the greatest danger to marital \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Unwholesome \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Harshness/ \_\_\_\_\_
- I. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Covenant (Mal. 2:14; Prov. 2:17)

1. Marriage is based upon a life-long \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Staying married is not based upon \_\_\_\_\_; it is based upon \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Marriage is a life-long \_\_\_\_\_ to remain committed to your spouse under any and all circumstances.
4. Marriage is not an issue of convenience; it is an issue of \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Children (Gen. 1:28a)

Psalm 127:3-5

### V. Communion (Eph. 5:31-32)

1. The married couple is mysteriously \_\_\_\_\_ together in an unbreakable intimacy.
2. The type of joining together done by God in marriage is designed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the union between Jesus Christ and His bride the Church.

### Recommended Resources for Further Study:

- ❖ Strengthening Your Marriage; Wayne Mack
- ❖ God, Marriage, and Family; Andreas J. Köstenberger
- ❖ Sacred Marriage; Gary Thomas