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The Purpose of Marriage
Selected Scriptures

1. The most foundational thing to see from the Bible about marriage is that it is God's doing.

- **Marriage Was God's Design** **Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-25**
- **God Gave Away The First Bride** **2:22**
- **God Spoke Marriage Into Existence** **2:24**
- **God Established The One Flesh Union** **V 24 Mark 10:8-9**

2. The most ultimate thing to see from the Bible about marriage is that it is for God's glory.

Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:31-32, Hosea 2:16, 19a, Isaiah 62:5, Ephesians 5:25-27

- **Christ will never leave His wife**

3. Marriage creates a climate where love is put to the greatest test.

- **Love is a marriage debt worth having.** **Romans 13:8**
- **Love keeps our marriages thinking clear.** **2 Cor. 5:13-14**
- **Love fuels marriage harmony.** **Ephesians 4:1-2**
- **Love binds our marriages together.** **Colossians 2:2**
- **Love keeps us from focusing on our marriage failures.** **1 Peter 4:8**
- **God's love allows us to conquer every marriage obstacle.** **Romans 8:37**

4. Is there anything better than Love?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8

- **Talk** **V 1**
- **Knowledge** **V 2**
- **Faith** **V 2**
- **Compassion** **V 3**
- **Sacrifice** **V 3**
- **Love is Powerful** **V 8**
- **Love is Proof** **1 John 3:13-19**
- **Love is proof in action**

“Love is the willingness to surrender that which has value in our life to enrich the life of another.” John Stott

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