

Marriage - Part 1

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Marriage is a divine institution that requires spiritual maturity, discipline, and a willingness to constantly learn and grow.

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Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 4:31

Topics: "Marriage"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of love in building relationships. He refers to the relationship between Jesus and his disciples as an example. The speaker also mentions a booklet called 'Love is the Answer' and highlights the need for more love within the church. He then shifts the focus to marriage, stating that it involves sadness, suffering, and tears. The speaker warns against entering into marriage for the wrong reasons and explains that it can be a test of faith. He concludes by mentioning the challenges of raising children and the comparison between babies and dogs.

Transcript

Operation Mobilization, as far as I can see, every year is a year of marriages. Often we're averaging one a week, at least during certain months of the year. And then, of course, we have the Great Population Explosion.

There's about 1,600 people, you know, and more than double the children. That's despite many efforts on my part. I'm not against people having a big family, but they need to count the cost.

Sorry, Dean. But they need to count the cost. Let's go into it.

Bill leads the way with... And I thought I would speak this morning on one of the most important subjects we could ever speak about to especially people who are married. I was involved in marriage counseling to so many people. It's interesting that Bill Gothard, well-known Bible teacher in the States, very linked with us and very much praying for us.

He's not married, and yet he's constantly counseling and helping women in their married life. Unless some of you feel this is a little irrelevant for you, confirmed bachelors and confirmed single women. I don't know if we have any in that group.

We see old-timers, even like David. With other O.M. leaders, I really believe that one of the main secrets, which isn't a secret, of O.M.'s survival and O.M.'s... God is trying to build relationships. Think of David and Jonathan in the Old Testament.

The very unusual, unique commitment, and how God was able to use Joshua once he got those principles about being courageous and all the rest. And then we see in the New Testament the relationship that the Lord Jesus had with a small group of disciples and then the larger group. The three and four and then the twelve.

And then when we look in the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 13, the enormous emphasis on love, which is the key to building relationships. Love is the cement, so to speak, the concrete, so to speak, that holds it together. Without love, we will come apart.

And the emphasis on love cannot be... We used to have a booklet. It's required reading. But if, there's no way that in O.M., be it O.M. India or O.M. Europe, we are going to go forward.

And if you ever get to the point in our marriages, under each and every circumstance, is an ever-increasing challenge. There's one great man. He didn't show me some of these.

He was very gracious, showing them bit by bit. I didn't get Calvary Road, but they asked me. The Lord often, when we get married, many of you have not had the privilege or the challenge of higher education in the sense of going and getting a Ph.D. I don't think we have too many Ph.D.s. ...degree in life, marriage.

Many of you, you can rejoice. Men more than the women. But it's certainly true that when men remain single or married, whether they like it or not, they will either settle, they will either learn how to get hold, spend time with their wives, getting married, getting a family, and spend time.

The Lord had to really, really humble. Liberated in some ways. Even within the marriage, a degree of... I think the most romantic people undo us.

They just want to... I don't know if they want to be buried at sea, but they seem to... ..to the Lord. There were times when we could, even in the wet, and perhaps when our... Yet how many men forget their... Maybe a... Only history will tell us. You know, it's possible to do a lot, you know, of men who took on extra wives in the name of Jesus.

Think of the expense for any of us. Marriage is biblical. That's something you enter into when you finally run out of steam.

Or you backslide. That's something to satisfy the lust of the flesh. Moral challenge.

There's a danger that... And I have... With our knowledge of the... And we can dig into a commentary and finally... He knows the word of... This enlightened... Beware, beloved. Beware in your Bible study... Is there in terms of... And once you start digging your theology out of the Old Testament... Are able to stop... Maintain their doctrine... And taking things out of context... And... I've... I've misused... Well, let me just get to... It's beautiful. Marriage is... God saw that man was alone.

Wilheimer is coming out with a very, very hot book. He's got that, but... Pray that that man doesn't go astray. That there is in heaven.

When we look at some passages, we see... That romance is used... In comparing our relationship to... Fiends. We love our wife as Christ. Is there an element... In a... But in a sanctified... Out of the same sense... That... Gave himself... For... Or have had their partner... John Stott... William Macdonald... Dick Lucas... Dr. Lionel Gurney... Many men never married... And then others... Who were married by his marriage... And other great men of God.

For women, it seems that they're calling to the... Single life... Is in many ways... More difficult. And many women have gone through great pain. Like Sophie Muller... Who had some kind of a broken... Fiancee died... Missionaries in the history... In a unique ministry... Among the tribes... Of Venezuela.

We think of Elizabeth... First one... I get a great blessing... Out of the tapes of Elizabeth... She's got so much knowledge... Was usually in heaven... Within a few years. Yes, like... Billy Graham said... Life at its best... Is filled... With tomb... Or at the grave site... Or her own husband... As that woman... From O.M. Turkey did just... That I recently... Middle East challenge... Very same grave... Was in the background... Where David... Goodman was buried... Man... Only 37 years of age... Buried just a few... Don't go into marriage... Maybe this is where some have made them... Some kind of... Disneyland special... With... Seeing these little children... Born... Born into the world... Like you see in some of the films... Playing... My dad had a baby... As we did over a period... In this struggle... It's part of this very country... Who mainly thought they should... Or others that thought... That they just... Or you could paint eyes on your pillow... Many women want to get married... Because they feel insecure... Some of us... A little more reality... Marriage... Is biblical marriage... Some are called... For the single life... Some first... Then marriage later on... Some for life... Marriage... Satan hates... I would add to that... It may be... Because they want to... Feel forgiven... And in a sense... There's nothing wrong with that... Because... Sorry... Those listening to this tape... We... It stopped... Marriage is... When we go into marriage... Love... And the beautiful feeling that... Even that kind... Of basic romantic love... In your walk with God... To be able to discern... Between... There's a great difference... Between infatuation... And romantic love... And there's perhaps a greater... And do not think for a moment... Quite normal... And vice versa... So marriage is... Let me repeat these... Little thoughts once again... Marriage is biblical... Is spiritual warfare... You lay that down... And you can take those same... Principles... And apply them... To... To other relationships... Not completely... But to some... Degree... It involves... Constantly learning... So many problems... Do not magnify... You know... What they've learned from the Lord... I mean... I think it's important... One of the more emotional... Learns... And I... In a relationship... Marriage... In Ephesians... Ephesians 4... And be ye kind... One to... Are you doing that on your team? Being kind... Even as God... For... There are many... In God's Word... Like this... Many... Passages... The control of your... It's beautiful to have a... To pour our lives into... Some change... So any... You know... My wife has been... As far as I can understand... The most beautiful... To God... I haven't had... A husband... But I think... You want to know something? The unsaved do that... The pagans do that... They sit in their homes... They have a big rally... They go down... Ten years ago... You should... You've just been with your... He needs help... He needs to repent...

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