

**The Dynamic Marriage**  
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**Intimacy**

**Sharing Sexual Intimacy in the Presence of God**

**Key Thought:** *Fulfilling our sexual desires is about meeting the needs of our spouse not just getting our sexual needs met.*

**Gen 2:23-25 The Bottom Line for Marriage**

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. NIV

- The Bride and the Bridegroom > returning to the one flesh relationship He designed us to have.
- Become ONE> *this is a focused process. They are and become one. Bone of bone/flesh of flesh....she shall be called woman...female man.*
- FOR THIS REASON: I cannot be part of my family and my spouse. I need to leave the "family" and begin a new relationship with my wife.
  - Emotionally
  - Physically
  - Relationally
- Naked and no shame because they were fully known. No sin, deception or open door for the enemy to pull them away from each other.
  - Hebrew "knowing"/oneness> Yahdah>intimate knowledge> thanksgiving. The physical relationship of a husband and wife is the Yahdah>"one" and the same.
  - The Yahdah attitude of the relationship is that of thanksgiving.

**KEY:** The fruit of a Yahda intimacy desires to know each other to the point of being thankful. *Your physical intimacy is the fruit of wanting a Yahdah relationship.*

- You **invest into** your spouse.
- You reap what you sow....but you must sow first....then reap thanksgiving of an intimate "knowing" relationship.
- This is not about you being served; it is about serving the other.

## 1 Cor 7:1-7 The Intimacy of Serving One Another.

Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. 2 But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3 *The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.* 4 *The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.* 5 Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 6 I say this as a concession, not as a command. 7 I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. NIV

### ➤ Both

- “mutual consent/and {another reason} so that you might pray.
  - Health/age/stress/life stuff. Should be discussed, so as to give no room for the devil. **SEX IS WAR AGAINST THE DEVIL!**

### ➤ Men

- Bottom biblical line: Gen 2:18 > not good for a man to be alone...”
- A wife is Gods provision for his aloneness in all ways including sexual intimacy. Not self intimacy (masturbation) but Gods provision.
- The wife is God's gift...**GOD'S GIFT** not just a convenience or a right.
- Men respond visually to God's gift and should treasure what has been given to him to meet his aloneness need.
- The servant heart of Christ into the heart of his wife / the bride of Christ/ the church. The husband as a servant leader ministering into the life of his wife. During intercourse the husband releases life to be received by the wife.
- The husband's aloneness is ministered to and healed as he gives life and it is received.
- BUT:
  - Adultery is taking life away and putting death into outside the marriage covenant. It is not life> it is sin and is death giving.
  - His ownership of her body is understood from Eph 5:28-30> His love and ownership of her body is defined by his love for his own body...created in the image of Christ. So tied in that any part of his life/body that sins is to be cut off.

### ➤ Women

- Bottom biblical line: Gen 1:31> and it was very good.
- God has a relational plan that reflects His purpose. His ways are not ours and His thoughts are not ours. BUT HIS ARE RIGHT!
- Women is God's design for mans aloneness FIRST. Second is the intimacy they share to fulfill that.
- Mans aloneness/logic is met by women's connection/relationship Together they form ONE FLESH. She receives life.
- BUT:
  - Punishment challenges the design of the wife. Meeting the aloneness challenge of a servant leader is not “just sex”

KEY: This is not about rights> this is about fulfilling God's plan in the intimacy of the relationship. The joy of sex > is the joy of His life shared in oneness/Yadah.