

Marriage – Doug Dzur – Feb 18 2018

[1] The Bible, TL;DR edition: OT

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[3] **The Origin of Marriage.** 4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ~ Mt 19:4-6, quoting Gen 2:23-24

[4] **Facts** – God made **two genders**. They are different, one welcomes and one initiates. He intends for them to become one and to remain together until death separates them. He did this for a very powerful and deep reason:

[5] **22 Wives**, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **25 Husbands**, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, **husbands** ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—**30** for we are members of his body. **31** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. ~ **Ephesians 5:22-33, cp Col 3:18-19** - *Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

We can summarize: Everything looks to Jesus. Marriage turns out to be a human painting of the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the Church. The more marriage reflects this reality, the more honoring to God it will be – and the more fulfilling.

[4] **We can’t build a fulfilling, godly marriage without a godly relationship with Jesus.** “The Triangle”

[5] **My life lessons**

1. Become a student of her. Jesus knows his people (Jn 10:14).
2. Take care of her needs (feed and care) as I would want to be treated (v29).
3. Never treat another woman more kindly than I treat her. This is part of making her special.
4. Notice her – she wants to be visible. Jesus made his church radiant (v27)
5. Draw out and affirm her beauty. All women have beauty; it is revealed through kindness and safety.
6. Lead her, but gently, knowing my authority is temporary (this life).
7. Treat her carefully and don’t poke at her (“harsh”, Col 3:19)

Genesis – God makes everything and it’s really good for about 3.2 seconds.
Exodus – YAHWEH VS. RA FIGHT NIGHT ONLY ON PAY-PER-VIEW SUNDAY SUNDAY SUNDAY!
Leviticus – STOP DOING GROSS STUFF.
Numbers – Israel makes a wrong turn near Mt. Sinai, refuses to ask for directions.
Deuteronomy – I SAID STOP DOING GROSS STUFF GOSH WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE.
Joshua – The hotly anticipated product launch of Moses 2.0.
Judges – A riveting documentary on the doctrine of total depravity.
Ruth – *The Bachelorette: Hebrew Edition*.
Ezra – The Temple gets an Extreme Home Makeover.
Nehemiah – Jerusalem gets an Extreme Home Makeover.
Esther – A brave Jewish woman saves her people. Like *Game of Thrones* but way more clothing.
Job – Hebrew country music song.
Psalms – An ancient Hillsong album with sheep metaphors instead of ocean metaphors.
Proverbs – GOD PITIES THE FOOL WHO DON’T FOLLOW HIM.
Song of Solomon – Go ask your parents.
Isaiah – Make Worship Great Again!
Ezekiel – A total mind-trip with bones and eagles and flaming psychedelic wheels
Daniel – Daniel fights his own personal lions who also happen to be actual lions that want to eat him.
Jonah – An anthropomorphic asparagus goes on an adventure with some pirates.
All the other minor prophets = feel free to skip
Matthew – Peter does dumb stuff, Jesus is the Messiah.
Mark – Peter does dumb stuff, Jesus is the suffering Servant.
Luke – Peter does dumb stuff, Jesus is the Son of Man.
John – Peter does dumb stuff, Jesus is the Son of God.
Acts – Miracles, shipwrecks, lots of tongues. Basically John MacArthur’s worst nightmare.
Romans – God justifies, man screws stuff up.
1 Timothy – Ladies, plz stop talking.
James – Act more gooder, people.
1 Peter – U gonna suffer fam.
2 Peter – Bro, Paul’s really confusing plz help.
1 John – God is love m’kay?
2 John – Yup, He’s still love.
3 John – HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT PEOPLE
Jude – Stop being heretics plz, k thx bye.
Revelation – Kirk Cameron fights the Antichrist in order to save Christmas from the new world order.