

Revolutionary Relationships - Marriage

Genesis 2, page 2 and 1 Corinthians 7:1–16, page 955

1. Marriage is from God - Gen 2

A helper fit for him

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh, v24

Public leaving of parents to start something new

Permanent holding fast to one another

Physically sealed with sex - "one flesh"

2. Marriage is for sex - 1 Cor 7

"It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."

But sex in marriage is a protection device, v2, 5, 9

What's more, your body belongs to your spouse, v3-5

Sex re-enacts your marriage vows, it re-covenants you together

Do not deprive one another, v5, except my mutual agreement

Using these verses for abuse or selfish gratification is corruption and Corinthian.

How is your spouse going in the battle with sexual temptation, do you know?

3. Marriage is for keeps

Jesus himself says, "don't do it", v10, 12

Separation as a concession, but with a view to reconciliation, v11.

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