



We Have Lift Off - DESIGN

Mission Marriage~ Genesis 2:18-25

September 6, 2026

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say? (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. What does God identify as “not good” in Genesis 2:18, and what does He do in response?
2. According to Genesis 2:24–25, what changes when a man and woman marry?
3. According to Malachi 2:14–16, what does God desire from the marriage covenant? What is the responsibility of the married people?
4. What responsibilities does Ephesians 5:22–33 give to husbands and wives, and how is Christ presented as their example?
5. Which qualities does Colossians 3:12–13 tell God’s people to “put on”?

What does it mean? (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

6. What does the phrase “a helper fit for him” reveal about companionship and partnership in marriage?
7. What does it mean for a husband and wife to “leave,” “hold fast,” and become “one flesh”?
8. In what ways can marriage be a ministry that produces loyalty, holiness, godly influence, and good in the world?
9. What does Paul mean when he says the mystery of marriage refers to “Christ and the church”?
10. Why are compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness essential for marriage and other close relationships?

What do I do? (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

11. How can you intentionally become a better friend and companion—to your spouse, future spouse, or the people God has placed around you?
12. Is there a family attachment, expectation, habit, or boundary that needs to change so your marriage—or your understanding of marriage—better reflects God’s design?
13. What is one way you can join another person in God’s mission this week? If married, what is one act of ministry you and your spouse could pursue together?
14. What would sacrificial love, respect, encouragement, or care look like in one specific relationship this week?
15. Which quality from Colossians 3:12–13 do you most need to practice right now, and what concrete action will you take this week?