

# Today's Message

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4. *Because God created male and female, in His image, to complement one another, we believe marriage is between one man and one woman. (Mk 10:1-9, Gen 2:18+)*

5. *Sexual intimacy is a gift of God to be fully enjoyed in the context and life-long commitment of marriage. (1 Cor. 7, Heb. 13:4, 1 Thes. 4:3-8)*

6. *Singleness is affirmed by God and ordained by God for some individuals. Those who are single in the local church are recognized as vital members of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 7:7-9, 32-35)*

## III. How to Grow Your Marriage . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_ at your marriage.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage.
3. If you're \_\_\_\_\_, get \_\_\_\_\_ NOW.

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## I. Why a Statement on Marriage?

## II. What Do We Believe and Teach about Marriage?

1. *We believe marriage is ordained by and given by God for His own glory and humanity's good. (Mk 10:1-9, Gen 2:18+)*

2. *Marriage is a picture of the eternal relationship between Christ and His Church. (Eph. 5:21-33)*

3. *Marriage is the building block of the human family, human society and human flourishing. (Gen. 1 & 2)*

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### **5 Questions for Family Study, Self Study and Contemplation . . .**

1. *Can you explain why the elders included a statement concerning marriage in our Declaration of Faith?*
2. *Compare and contrast how the world views marriage and how God views marriage.*
3. *In Genesis 2:18-25, why does God create the first marriage? Who does this text say marriage is between?*

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4. *What does Hebrews 13:4 say about sexual intimacy? What does 1 Corinthians 7:1-6 add to this discussion? What is the impact on our children of a failure to talk about the pleasures of sex within God's design of marriage or speaking of sexual intimacy as only a "bad" forbidden thing?*
5. *In 1 Corinthians 7, what does Paul say are the benefits and blessings of singleness?*