

**Series: Family, God's Way**

**Sermon: Marriage Is This**

**Bible Verses: Various**

**By: Jeff Piepho**

**Date: 11-4-18**

God's character is such that he not only forgives, he \_\_\_\_\_ us for the years \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and failures.

Marriage was made, at the very beginning of creation: a man and a woman, leaving their families, uniting together and \_\_\_\_\_, for the rest of their life. Mark 10:6-8

**Marriage is sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by theologians.**

- You *LEAVE* your Father and Mother (your first family).

- You *CLEAVE* – cleave means **sticking to something** \_\_\_\_\_.

God setup \_\_\_\_\_, not living together, not sleeping together, and not mere friendship: just \_\_\_\_\_ to mimic and demonstrate the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ has for his Church.

**Practical Application:**

If I am married, I should make my marriage the \_\_\_\_\_ under God himself, and remember that I am \_\_\_\_\_ how Jesus & the Church relate to each other.

If I am unmarried I should reassess how I treated \_\_\_\_\_. Dating isn't a game, and I should only marry someone who can help me \_\_\_\_\_ glorious commitment between Jesus and the Church.

If I am unmarried with kids I should be careful to think about what "leaving and cleaving" means for my kids. I should avoid making " \_\_\_\_\_ " when dating, and protect my children from how the culture treats the words "mom", "dad", and "husband" and "wife" \_\_\_\_\_. I should show them respect for marriage and relationships so they understand God's love for themselves/Church.

