

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)
Sermon: Jesus' Perspective on Divorce Part 2
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"The perfect marriage is where God gives me _____ to help _____ be a more _____ person, becoming more and more like Jesus (sanctified)."

MARRIAGE IS A METAPHOR: Showing how much _____!

Scientific study says you will have a happier marriage if:

- you have only had sex with the person you are married to
- you have _____ romantic relationships before marriage
- you have _____ been married before
- there was never any physical aggression before marriage
- you and your partner have the same commitment level
- you had a formal wedding
- you had a lot of people at your wedding (50+ good, 150+ best)
- you have never _____ someone before
- you didn't live with your spouse before getting married
- you do not have a child from a prior relationship
- your relationship did not begin with "hooking up"
- you had pre-marital counseling before getting married

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.

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, a question I should ask myself is, "Do my actions right now, represent how much Jesus loves the Church? Am I _____ 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 want some marriage _____ or to figure out how to _____ the marriage metaphor better I'll visit www.revo.church/marriage. There are resources there to help dating, engaged, married, and in-crisis couples.