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## SERIES: RELATIONSHIPS MATTER Part 1: Why Marriage (Relationships) Matters

## I. Marriage (relationships) is \_\_\_\_\_

"Then God said, 'Let Us make human beings (man) in our image, to be like Us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.'<sup>27</sup>So God created human beings (man) in His own image. In the image of God; He created them male and female He created them." Genesis 1:26-27

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.'...<sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>'At last!' the man exclaimed. 'This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called "woman," because she was taken from "man."' <sup>24</sup>This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. <sup>25</sup>Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame." Genesis 2:18 & 21-25

II. Marriage (relationships) is a spiritual

"No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. <sup>30</sup>And we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup>As the Scriptures say, 'A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. <sup>33</sup>So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Ephesians 5:29-33

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## III. Marriage (relationships) is the foundation of

"Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery." Hebrews 13:4

"Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people." Proverbs 14:34

IV. Marriage is the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to

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<sup>\*21</sup>And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup>For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of His body, the church. <sup>24</sup>As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup>For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. <sup>27</sup>He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself." Ephesians 5:21-28