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STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE:

God's Purpose for Your Marriage



[Genesis 2:18-25]

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam[f] no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs[g] and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[h] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called 'woman,'

for she was taken out of man."

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

[Dig a Little Deeper Together]

READ: Matthew 19:5, Mark 10:7-8, Ephesians 5:31

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

What does leaving mother and father involve?

What do the words "shall cleave" suggest?

What do the words "they shall be one flesh" signify?

List 10 things married people must do to promote and manifest oneness.

What are barriers to oneness?

OPTIONAL: Read and complete Unit 1 - God's Purpose for Marriage from Strengthen Your Marriage by Wayne Mack

*Resource: Strengthening Your Marriage by Wayne Mack