



Sermon Outline
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Not So Holy Matrimony

Matthew 19:1-12

*** The reason there are "family dynamics" is because families are not _____, they're dynamic.**

Marriage in the making.

Biblically, marriage is defined as a divinely ordained lifelong covenant relationship between one man and one woman, forming a sexually exclusive "one flesh" union that is intended to reflect God's relationship with His people, and is the foundation for building a family and raising children.

*** God's divine _____ for marriage:**

1. A lifelong _____ relationship.

1 Corinthians 7:39 - A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

2. Between one _____ and one _____.

Genesis 2:24 - That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

3. Procreation and _____.

Genesis 1:28a - God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."

*** Note to self:** *Marriage isn't _____ God's plan.*

1 Corinthians 7:7 - I (Paul) wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

Marriage in real time.

Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face.
– Mike Tyson

*** Challenges that can make matrimony not so holy:**

1. Men and women are different _____ and psychologically.

Genesis 1:27 - So God created mankind in his own image... male and female he created them.

** These differences don't make men better than women, or women better than men, but bring a synergy to the mix.*

2. We all inherited a _____.

Philippians 2:3-4 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

3. Our identity _____ as new roles are added.

*** Marriage only improves through _____.**

Helpful Marriage Books and Podcasts:

1. *The Five Love Languages* – Gary Chapman
2. *His Brain/Her Brain* – Walt Larimore
3. *Boundaries in Marriage: Understanding the Choices That Make or Break Loving Relationships* – Townsend, Cloud
4. *A Lasting Promise: The Christian Guide to Fighting for Your Marriage* – Scott Stanley
5. *Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti: Understanding and Delighting in Your Differences* – Bill Farrel
6. *Marriage* - Paul David Tripp
7. *The Meaning of Marriage* - Tim Keller.

Podcasts - Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage (Focus on the Family), ONE Extraordinary Marriage Show, The Naked Marriage (Dave & Ashley Willis)

*** The ultimate goal:** *To be _____ at the conclusion of your marriage than you were at the beginning.*