

**TwoGetherness****“The Perfect Christian Marriage?”**

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1. Who is someone you believe has a great marriage? What makes it great, in your eyes?
2. How would you define love?
3. Read Malachi 2:13-16 and Matthew 19:6. What are the differences between a relationship built upon the idea of being in a covenant versus a relationship built upon the idea of convenience? How does our consumer focused society affect how we think about relationships?
4. Malachi tells us we must guard the covenant of our marriage. What are the things that threaten to attack the covenant that we have to guard against? How do we practically guard the covenant?
5. In what ways are two people in a marriage relationship incompatible? How does the Bible tell us they are compatible? (See Genesis 2:18) Which has the greater importance and weight when it comes to seeing our way through differences? Why and how does it make a difference to believe this?
6. In Genesis 2:23-24 it tells us that marriage “unites” or “cleaves” us together, meaning we become glued together. What are examples of true connection? What are examples of false connection?
7. Write down five things you could do that would make your marriage or a relationship you are in better.
8. What are you going to do this week to strengthen and deepen your marriage or a relationship you are in? (Remember, the more specific you are in what you will do and when you will do it, the more likely it will happen.) Who can you ask to hold you accountable to following through?

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**Genesis 2:18-25; Malachi 2:10-16; Matthew 19:1-15**

A Little About David and Pam Cooke

The essence of marriage is a sacrificial commitment to the good of the other. (Tim Keller - The Meaning of Marriage)

**1. We Are Compatible**

*"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."" (Genesis 2:18, ESV)*

**2. We Are Connected**

“Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:23-25, ESV)

**3. We Are in Covenant (Malachi 2:13-16, Matthew 19:6)**

“So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Matthew 19:6, ESV)