

# Marriage Matters

## Why Bother?

**MAR"RIAGE:** The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children. (*Webster's Dictionary*, 1828)

*We have taken something sacred and beautiful  
and have not cherished, cultivated, or protected it.*

## Divorce, Matthew 19:3-9

## Same-sex Marriage, Genesis 1:27-28

## Living Together

## God's Plan

- His Doing and Design, Genesis 2:18, 24
  
- Jesus on Display, Ephesians 5:31-32

## Next Steps

### For Students

- *Trust God*
- *Look for someone who is a fit*
- *Celebrate the sacred*

### For Parents

- *Pray*
- *Prepare*

### For Church

- *Grace*
- *Journey*
- *Intentional preparation*
- *Mentor*

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- Our library
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