



Let's Talk Marriage

A Biblical Look at Marriage Before It Happens

Gen 2:18 NLT

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."

So, this is what God did...

Gen 2:21 NLT

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.

Gen 2:22 NLT

Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 NLT

"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.'"

Gen 2:24 NLT

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

I'm glad you've chosen to join us for the series "Let's Talk Marriage." I'm Bill Crockett. In this series we will dive into what the Bible says about marriage and how it works in real life. In any endeavor it is important that we understand what we are getting into and count the cost to see if it is really what we want. Jesus said:

Luke 14:28 NLT

"But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?"

If anyone knows the pitfalls that can come with marriage it is me. I have been married three times. The first time for 16 years, the second time for 18 years and my current wife and I are in our fifth year of marriage. You may ask, what are you doing teaching a series on marriage? I asked myself the same thing. I actually resisted the notion until I spoke to a very wise friend of mine, a pastor, who said, "Bill, you are simply teaching what God says about marriage in the Bible. You're not giving your opinion or your personal advice. Furthermore, you, as much as anyone, knows exactly what can happen when we do not follow God's instruction." As a parent of 6 biological children and 5 stepchildren, I work to teach them how to live so that they do not make the same mistakes I did. My parenting is not based on a perfect life example, but rather, learning from my mistakes so I can help my children avoid them

in their lives. I view my responsibility in this series the same way. I'm not teaching this because I have a perfect marriage but rather, I want to help you understand what God says and how to put that in practice in your life so that you can avoid the mistakes I have made. My prayer is that you will find this series genuine and extremely biblical as it comes from a sincere heart of love for you. So with that as our introduction, let's take a look at the lessons we will be discussing in this series.

Course Outline

Lesson 1

Why Marriage Counselling?

Establish the purpose for going through the course

Lesson 2

Establishing Expectations

Establish realistic expectations for marriage

Lesson 3

Two Becoming One

Discuss your personal background & how you came to be together

Lesson 4

Are We Ready for Marriage?

A look at 5 things that may signal a lack of readiness for marriage.

Lesson 5

Roles and Responsibility in Marriage

Why are roles and responsibility important?

Lesson 6

God's Design for the Husband

A Biblical look at the husband's role in marriage

Lesson 7

God's Design for the Wife

A Biblical look at the wife's role in marriage

Lesson 8

Biblical Role of the Parents

A Biblical look at the role of parenting

Lesson 9

The Physical Relationship

The Biblical importance of the physical relationship in marriage

Lesson 10

Managing Your Money

A Biblical discussion about money & how to keep it from destroying your marriage. We will also help establish a budget plan for your marriage.

Lesson 11

Conflict and the Causes

An honest look at the things that cause conflict in a marriage

Lesson 12

Confronting Conflict and Winning

"Conflict resolution" – How to deal with conflict & keep your marriage safe

Lesson 13

God's Will & How to Know It

A Biblical study of how to make decisions according to God's will.