

## Sunday Feb' 5<sup>th</sup> , 2012 The Story of Two Geese

- Life expectancy of geese is 25 yrs.
- Geese are one of the few birds in which the family does not break up at the end of the breeding season.
- Geese will choose a mate when they are 3yrs old and will stay monogamous for life raising new families each year. If one mate dies, the other mate will sometimes wait several years before choosing a new partner or might even stay single.

An exhortation to remain faithful to your spouse and love them unconditionally: Proverbs 5: 1-5, 7, 8, 21; Malachi 2:14-17; Ephesians 5: 1-12, 18-21,22-33.

## You cannot love your family until you love the Lord whole heartedly!

People think marriage is going to be fun and easy.

Reality: Marriage is hard work.

We think marriage is all about us! NO!!!

When God sees us from heaven, He is thinking: "I got to help these people understand what heaven is supposed to look like. So if i can get a man to act like Christ, and a woman to act like the Church, I'll join them together in marriage and I'll have a piece of heaven on earth! So God designed man & woman and designed marriage for them so that they could stay married for life.

Satan wants to cause divorce. He wants to tear family to shreds and have a piece of hell on earth.

So when we look at your own homes – Is it more like heaven or is it more like hell?

Just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for it, a man ought to love his wife. As married men we are responsible to love our wives and kids like crazy. As heads of households, we are responsible to keep the marriage flame burning. We ought to honour our wives, celebrate them and encourage them. But instead, many married men are not honouring their wives, they are not celebrating their wives, they don't encourage their wives. They are snuffing the unity candle of their marriage out!

The society we live in is trying to re-define marriage. Society is saying, "Marriage is not just a man and a woman. It can be a man and a man. It can be man and adultery. Society is taking shots at the institution of marriage.

Marriage was designed by God and not by man. It was God's idea. We have no right to mess with God's idea!

Satan is attacking marriage in a very sneaky way. He is attacking marriage with adultery and pornography and all kind of thrash.

As married men we need to get ourselves some protection, some accountability. We need to make sure we have some godly men as our accountability partners.

Many married men believe a lie: "If i tell somebody about my struggles, I'll be ruined."



Truth is – "If we don't tell somebody about our struggles we'll be ruined."

We need to choose deliverance over dignity. Dignity will follow.

I Thessalonians 4:3

"This is the will of God, your sanctification that you abstain from sexual immorality."

Ephesians 5: 18

"Do not be drunk with wine, that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit."

When we activate the Holy Spirit in our marriages we will be able to love our spouses as God intended! When we activate the Holy Spirit in our lives we will be able to abstain from sexual immorality and remain faithful to our spouses.

It is only by the enabling of the Holy Spirit that a husband can love his wife as Christ loved the Church.

It is only by the enabling of the Holy Spirit that a wife can submit to her own husband as the Church submits itself to the Lordship of Christ.

Marriage is a covenant, and not a contract!

Divorce is not an option. Stay married for life!

The greatest gift parents can give their children is by staying married for life.

Let's commit ourselves to being godly men and women who honour marriage and family life. Let's commit to remaining faithful to our own spouses for life and loving our spouses unconditionally.

We have the favour of God to see the impossible be made possible. Proverbs 18:22





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