SO WHAT

- According to Genesis 2:18, why did God create the woman?
- Read Ephesians 5:22-33. How should a husband treat his wife? What did the Apostle Paul command the wives to do?
- What was commanded in Hebrews 13:4? What is God's response toward the disobedience of this command?

NOW WHAT

- Among your friends who are married couples, whom can you invite to church this week or to a Victory group?
- How can you encourage your single professional friends to be ready if and when God calls them for marriage?
- What principles from biblical marriage can you apply in all your relationships? How does your relationships glorify God?

PRAYER

- Ask God to give the people in your Victory group a better understanding of His design for marriage.
- Pray that the young generation in our church will have a vision of a marriage union that honors God.
- Pray that God will strengthen the marriages in our church.



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WEEK 3

... Marry me?



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CONNECT

- Which handicraft do you think you can be good at? Why do you think so?
- With what word do you relate the word "union?" Explain briefly.
- What thing do you consider as durable? Why? Give examples.



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WHAT

The Bible says that every good thing comes from God (James 1:17); one of which is marriage. This God-initiated union is a relationship covenant between a man and a woman. Here are three points to better understand what marriage is and God's purpose for it.

1 God designed marriage.

"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female." MARK 10:6

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A well-engineered product is one with function, aesthetics,
purpose, and life. The Greatest Engineer designed marriage
with the same goals. Anything that goes outside the design is
considered a misuse. To better use or maximize the purpose
of something, where should we go? Why is God's opinion on
marriage the one that truly matters?

2	Marriage is a union between a man and a woman.
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	What makes marriage beautiful is that it is a union of two complementing parties: a man and a woman. In fact, the difference between a husband and a wife is what makes them complementary. The different but complementing traits could add to the union's strength if understood properly. What does Ephesians 5:22-33 say about this?
3	God intended marriage to remain a union for life. "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." MARK 10:9
	When God starts a union, each party must work to keep it together. It is indeed a covenant not a contract. A contract has limited life while a covenant is for a lifetime. Also, parties

in a contract seek their respective gain. In a covenant, each party should give and, if possible, sacrifice to keep the relationship alive. What practical ways can a couple do to

keep the unity of their marriage?