

Would You Marry Me Again?

Genesis 2:15-25

I. WILL YOU BE MY HELPER?

A. Adam and Eve are created to be "*suitable helpers*" for each other.

(Verse 20) "But for Adam no suitable helper was found."

B. The purpose of marriage is that we be suitable helpers for each other.

II. WILL YOU WORK TO BECOME ONE FLESH?

(Verse 24) For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

A. Marriage demands that you rearrange your life.

B. Marriage is a commitment to leave.

To be married means that your relationship to your spouse will come second only to your relationship with God.

C. Marriage is also a commitment to cleave.

1. To cleave means to stand beside him or her.
2. To cleave to your spouse means to show affection.
3. To cleave means to support with a firm commitment.

III. WILL YOU LIVE BEFORE GOD AND YOUR SPOUSE WITHOUT SHAME?

(Verse 25) The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

A. Adam and Eve were naked because they had no reason to hide.

B. Marriage, at its best, is standing before God and each other without shame.

"Would you marry me again?"

"I can't return to the past, but I can return to God's purpose and, by His help, make a new beginning with you."