

Sermon Series: Song of Us – Week 4

“Better than you imagined. Exactly what you were made for.”



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Introduction

As we continue in our study of the Song of Solomon, we now turn our focus to marriage—not as culture defines it, but as God designed it. Marriage is often misunderstood, minimized, or misused in today’s world. If we are not careful, we will step into marriage with the wrong expectations and weak foundations.

Scripture calls us to something far deeper. Marriage is not casual, temporary, or self-centered—it is sacred, binding, and God-centered. To understand it rightly, we must return to God’s Word.

Key Scriptures

Song of Solomon 3:6–11

Malachi 2:14

Genesis 2:24–25

Marriage Is NOT:

- Just the next step after dating

Marriage is not simply the natural progression of a relationship timeline. It is not something we drift into—it is something we enter intentionally and prayerfully.

- The cure for singleness

Marriage does not fix loneliness, insecurity, or lack of purpose. If those issues are present before marriage, they will only be magnified within it.

- A legal contract or civil arrangement

While marriage has legal components, it is not merely contractual. Contracts are based on mutual benefit and can be broken when terms are not met. God's design for marriage goes far beyond that.

Marriage IS:

- A Covenant

Marriage is a covenant—a sacred, binding promise. Unlike a contract, a covenant is not based on performance but on commitment.

- Between a male and a female

From the beginning, God designed marriage as a union between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24–25). This is not cultural—it is creational.

- Before God

Marriage is ultimately made before God. Malachi 2:14 reminds us that God Himself is a witness to the covenant. This means marriage is accountable not just to one another, but to Him.

Four Keys to a God-Centered Marriage

If marriage is a covenant before God, then how do we build it well? Scripture gives us practical direction.

1. Recognize You Live Under God

A healthy marriage begins with a shared understanding that both individuals live under God's authority. Your marriage is not self-governed—it is God-governed.

God remembers the vows you make, even if you forget. This brings both weight and security to marriage—it matters deeply, and it is held by Him.

2. Build a Strong Support System

No marriage thrives in isolation. Surround yourselves with wise, godly counsel—friends, mentors, and community who will support, challenge, and encourage you.

3. Take Care of the Details

Strong marriages are built in the small, daily choices. Speak life over your spouse. Pursue one another intentionally. Protect each other emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Marriage is a long journey—it requires consistency, attention, and care in the details.

4. Enjoy Married Things

God designed marriage to be enjoyed. Joy, intimacy, laughter, and companionship are all part of His plan. Do not reduce marriage to responsibility alone—embrace the gift that it is.

Becoming People of Covenant Character

Healthy marriages are built by people who have developed covenant character—people who keep their word, remain faithful, and honor God in their commitments.

Before stepping into covenant, become someone who can sustain it. Character will always determine the strength of the relationship.

The Language of Covenant is the Language of the Gospel

Marriage reflects the gospel. Just as Christ is faithful to His people, even when we fall short, we are called to reflect that same faithfulness in marriage.

Covenant love is sacrificial, enduring, and grace-filled. It is not based on feelings alone, but on commitment rooted in love.

Application

- Evaluate your understanding of marriage—does it align with God’s Word or culture?
- If married, reflect on your covenant—are you honoring it in your actions and words?
- If single, focus on developing covenant character now.
- Strengthen your support system with godly relationships.
- Be intentional in the daily details that build a strong marriage.

Conclusion

Marriage is better than we imagine when it is built God’s way. It is not casual—it is covenant. It is not temporary—it is lasting. And it is not just about two people—it is about God at the center.

Build it right. Honor it fully. And reflect the gospel through it.