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- **In the beginning...**
 - **Gen. 1:26-28 – God created man and woman on the 6th day**
 - **Gen. 2:18-24 – God observed man was alone and decided to make him a companion**

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- **In the beginning...**
 - **God ordained marriage as a means of providing companionship and intimacy. The physical relationship between a man and woman is blessed and holy in marriage.**
 - **I Cor. 7:2, 8-9 – Let each have a wife**
 - **I Cor. 7:3-5 – Do not deprive one another**
 - **Heb. 13:4 – Fornicators and adulterers will be judged**

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- **God-established roles**
 - **Role of the Husband – Eph. 5:25-31;
I Pet. 3:7**
 - **Love the wife**
 - **Nourish and cherish**
 - **Dwell with understanding**
 - **Give honor**
 - **Be spiritual leader, realizing you are heirs together as Christians**

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- **God-established roles**
 - **Role of the wife – Eph. 5:22-24; I Pet. 3:1-6; Titus 2:4-5**
 - **Submit to the husband as to the Lord**
 - **Have chaste conduct, adorn the hidden person of the heart with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit**
 - **Love your husband, children**
 - **Be discreet, chaste, helpers at home**

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- **Covenant of marriage**
 - **Designed to be for life – I Cor. 7:10-11, 39; Rom. 7:1-4; Matt. 19:1-9**
 - **God condemns those who break the covenant of marriage – Mal. 2:13-16**
 - **This speaks to the seriousness of who we choose to marry, and the mindset we should have when becoming married!**

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- **Love**

- **Example – Jacob and Rachel, Gen. 29:18-20**

- **I Cor. 13:4-8 – Characteristics of God's love that are to be in each of us – this includes marriage**

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- 1) God ordained it from the beginning**
- 2) God has established roles for the husband and wife**
- 3) It is a binding covenant among three parties (Husband, Wife, and God) that must be regarded seriously**
- 4) It is characterized by pure and holy love**

