Becoming One Flesh Genesis 2:24-25

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Introduction: Who this message is for—sinful fathers and mothers, of sinful children, who hope to have glorious covenant marriages

- 1. Clean break. "Leave father and mother"
 - a. Learn devotion to Christ that transforms all other relationships (cf. Psalm 45:10; Luke 14:26).
 - b. They will need to do the same with their spouse as part of their devotion to Christ.
- 2. Clinging commitment. "Be joined to his wife"
 - a. Only a covenanted commitment properly obeys this part of God's design for marriage.
 - b. Model for them your own covenant commitment
 - c. Teach them to keep their covenant commitments
- 3. Communion (union) of life. "The two shall become one flesh"
 - a. Living a life of shared purpose and pleasure begins with Christ (cf. 1Cor 6:17)
 - b. "One flesh" and its 'sacrament'.
- 4. The centrality of marriage: the climax of creation is described in terms of the marital communion of Mr. and Mrs. Adam. The climax of history is the communion of Christ with His Bride. This is the roadmap for getting our marriages to display that fellowship by His grace.

Conclusion: Not good for man to be alone. But will you be alone for eternity? We were designed, ultimately, for our Great High Priest—that we would be one Spirit with Him.