

JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH



The Meaning of: Marriage

A GLORIOUS MESS, Act 2: Part 1 Lessons from the Church at Corinth

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↳ **A GLORIOUS MESS** – All kinds of personalities, statuses and sets of baggage

↳ **MAKING ROOM** – Ultimate values (God, Love, Grace) call us to make room!

↳ **SOONER OR LATER**...it all gets [too] real!
Nothing more real than married, single, divorced, other...

Vintage Us was not a "married-ocracy", but we affirm your status as a gift you bring.

Married – Formed

Single – Focused

Formerly Married (divorced / widowed) – Freed
(untangled and less caught up)

MEANING OF MARRIAGE...

3 REASONS OUR MARRIAGES DON'T WORK

1. We try to make our marriage mean what we mean rather than what God means by marriage.
2. Commodification
3. "Find your soul-mate"

MEANING BY GOD...

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Ephesians 5:31–32

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- ✓ My will says – I seek Your Good, I start the "love thy neighbor" thing with you!

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¹¹(but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife. 1 Corinthians 7:10–11

▶ PERMANENCE: The plan is "the two shall become one."

- ✓ My life says – you can trust my promises.

This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:35

▶ DIFFERENCE: Compliment and conflict

IF YOUR MARRIAGE IS ROUGH (or if it isn't for that matter): Seek God, Not marriage!

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