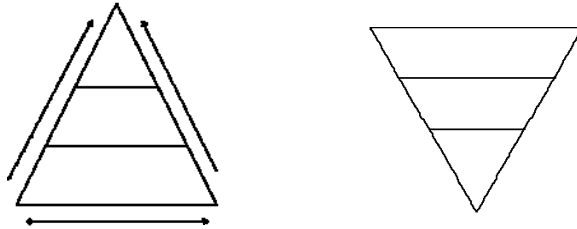


"Why Marriage"
Genesis 2:18-25
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Timeless Truths:

Marriage is not man's idea, but God's. Genesis 2:20-22

God's design for marriage is oneness or intimacy. Genesis 2:24

Oneness or intimacy in:

- Body - physical and/or sexual intimacy in marriage
- Soul - mentally, emotionally and intellectually
- Spirit - one in Christ, by faith

Marital intimacy was corrupted by the fall of man into sin. Genesis 3

As a result of the fall marital intimacy is now going to take work.

Genesis 3

God's game plan or process for Biblical intimacy to occur demands your obedience in taking three major steps. Genesis 2:24

Three major steps of obedience:

Step 1—"Leave" Gen 2:24

Both partners need to leave their father and mother and prioritize their spouse. You are forming a new relational priority.

Step 2—"Cleave" Gen 2:24

You enter marriage with the understanding that this new relationship is permanent.

Step 3—"Become" Gen 2:24

Both partners realize they must give themselves to each other developing oneness.