



“...AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH” MARK 10:8

Marriage is not a Contract



*We start out in marriage with **what we want** from it instead of asking “**what did God design a marriage to be?**” We define “good” in a marriage by what matches our preferences. This creates a narrow definition of “good” and God has a much broader view of what is good. God has promised to accomplish His purposes, not ours.*



Contract: we enter into to **protect** our rights and **to limit** our responsibilities.



Covenant: a person **gives up** their rights and **assumes** responsibilities



Genesis 2:21-25

*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to
fall upon the man, and he slept;*



Genesis 2:21-25

then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. And the man said,



Genesis 2:21-25

*"This is now bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."*



Genesis 2:21-25

*For this cause a man shall leave his father
and his mother, and shall cleave to his
wife; and they shall become one flesh. and
the man and his wife were both naked and
were not ashamed.*



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- c. God was speaking to us (vs 24)



3 rights we need to give up

Gen. 2



1. Priority

Gen. 2:24



*I give you the right to be the first human
priority in my life and to protect that place
against anything that you **perceive** to be
competition*



*Your relationship with your spouse is a
window into your relationship with
The Lord*



2. Possessions (vs 24)



*I give you the right to **co-own** and **co-administrate** everything in my life.*



*Once you get married you substitute the
word mine with ours.*



1 Corinthians 7:4

The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.



3. Privacy (vs 25)



I give you free and unhindered access to every part of my life. I give you the right to ask or to confront me on any issue without fear of retaliation.

