# What Does My Marriage Say About God?

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## INTRODUCTION

- The gospel is a love story. That's true from beginning to end.
- Because really the story of marriage is really the story of the gospel.
- How can I implore someone to reconcile to God if I've resigned myself to brokenness in my own marriage?

## 1 Marriage Tells a Story About Unity

**Ephesians 1:10; Ephesians 5:31–32**

- The first thing we need to understand is that marriage tells a story about unity. It is a story about oneness.
- The gospel is really that God heals brokenness. God takes that which is torn and broken and he binds up, he brings back together.
- A plan for the fullness of time to unite all things in him. Things in heaven and things on the earth. That's the gospel.
- But the mystery of Christ in the book of Ephesians is always about unity.
- Marriage tells the story of Christ and his church because both stories are about two becoming one flesh.
- And so our marriages are walking examples of the gospel message.

## 2 Marriage Is a Story of Restoration

**Ephesians 5:22–33**

- It is about wholeness, and this happens when husband and wife fulfill their role.
- Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.
- There's two things that are mentioned here for wives. You submit and you respect.
- Husbands, here is our role within marriage. We are to lead and love.
- So you lead and you love, which means sacrifice, and you sacrifice for sanctification and holiness, so that you present your wife in splendor, without spot or wrinkle.
- What really makes us look good is making other people look good. And that's what Christ does with the church.

## 3 What Is My Marriage Saying About God?

- If we are ambassadors for Christ, if we're proclaiming and imploring people to be restored to God, are they seeing restoration in my marriage?
- People are going to be led and guided by what they see much more than by what they're told.
- And our marriages, if they are what God wants, are microcosms of God's plan.
- Does my marriage demonstrate that God is faithful?
- And marriage should illustrate that God loves sacrificially.
- That doesn't take away my responsibility to do these things in my marriage.

THE CHALLENGE

What does your marriage say about God this morning?

MY NOTES