

# *MARRIAGE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM*

## Selected Scriptures

Two important, foundational questions:

*1. What is the ultimate reason for everything?*

*1 Cor 10:31 - ...do all to the glory of God.*

*2. What is the biblical view of marriage?*

*Gen 2:24 - For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.*

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*Prov 2:17; Mal 2:14*

A covenant is a SOLEMN COMMITMENT that guarantees obligations undertaken by one or both parties.

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*Matt 19:4 - Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female?*

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5. Marriage is a **MONOGAMOUS** union.
6. Marriage is a **SYMBOLIC** union.

*Eph 5:21-33*

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  - *ATTACK THE PROBLEM, NOT THE PERSON*
  - *ACT, DON'T REACT*

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KEY – the first response sets the tone

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*Prov 15:1 - A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*Prov 16:21 - ... sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.*

*Eph 4:29 - Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.*

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4. **DO EMBRACE CHANGES IN LIFE**

*Psa 115:3 - But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

*Psa 90:12 - Teach us to number our days that we may present to you a heart of wisdom.*

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*Phil 4:10-13 - 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned [before,] but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

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- *Make a habit of minimizing weaknesses, not exaggerating them*
- *Distinguish between skill and sin*

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*Gen 2:18 - Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*

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*Phil 2:3–4 - 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

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- 10. DO SEEK UNITY ON FINANCIAL ISSUES**

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*2 Tim 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*

*Psa 1:1–3 - 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.*

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*Heb 10:25 - not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some...*

*1 Tim 3:15 - ...the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.*

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15. DO PERSIST IN PRAYER

*1 Cor 13:7 – love bears all things, believes all things,  
HOPES all things, endures all things.*

*Prov 28:13 - He who conceals his transgressions will not  
prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find  
compassion.*