

# COUPLES RETREAT

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### Marriage Is Honorable

“The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the LORD.” Proverbs 18:22



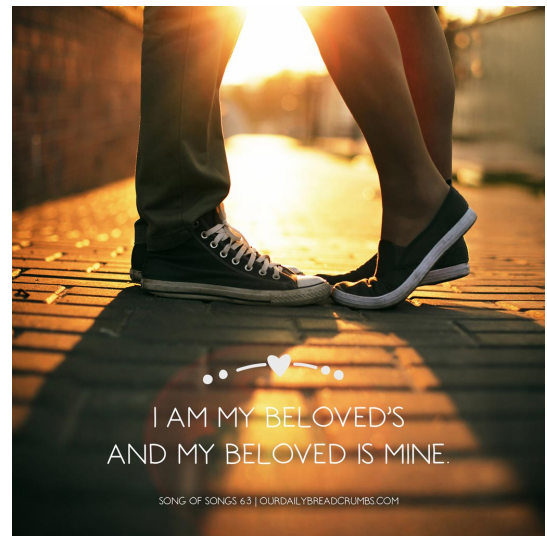
In spite of current viewpoints on the viability of marriage, God’s word that a biblical marriage (between one man and one woman) is honorable. In fact, God was the witness and officiate of the very first marriage recorded in the beginning of the human race. “He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them ‘Mankind’ when they were created.”

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said this is now one of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman for she was taken out of man. That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:21-25 Furthermore “God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and increase in number. Fill the earth and govern it.” (Genesis 1:28)

Secondly, children are in God’s design for marriage. Psalm 127:3 “Children are an heritage of the Lord.”

Lastly, biblical marriage is honorable because it is a visible representation of God and His church in this present world. Ephesians 5:31-33 says, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband”.

Marriage isn’t about perfection as much as it should be the desire of both individuals that God be honored in their marriage and there be a visible witness in this present world that marriage is still good and honorable.



### “How To Fix A Broken Relationship: Find the Termites”

“Terminates can eat through an entire piece of wood leaving only a skeletal structure on the inside without touching the outside. Everything looks great on the surface, while on the inside, the house is just a hollow shell. But long before that happens, the frass appears. That’s when you need to address the problem.”

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