

So. May - May 14, 1972 (Mother's Day) A.M.

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER

Mark 10:9

What God has joined - union of the soul expressed!

Eph. 5:28 - "To love their wives as their own bodies."

(Joined) - Literally yoked together!  
Coupled.

<sup>Text</sup>  
(Contrast) - God who joined together.  
Man who puts asunder.

Let not man - not migistrate.

God never gave man authority to do it.

Mother's Day an excellent time for the consideration of such a subject.

I want you to think with me today --

First, about the ideal of marriage.

Second, about facing the problems of marriage.

Third, about trying to solve the problems of marriage.

Fourth, about the blessings of marriage.

"And God said it is not good for man to be alone."

So he made him a help ~~mate~~ mate -

The woman was not taken from man's head to be Lorded over,

Nor from his feet to be trampled upon,

But from his side to be his equal!

From under his arm to be protected.

From near his heart to be loved.

And when God created the home and when he (brought man and woman together) -  
He did not make one man and many women. He did not make one woman and many men!

For it was (God's purpose) that one man and one woman would make each other happy. Fulfill the needs of each other and give future to the home and human race.

The (Apostle Paul) says that each man is to have his own wife and each wife is to have her own husband.

In the (age of sexual promiscuity) in the time of disregard to total marriage commitment, we need to see once more, what man really wants to love -- one woman and really be loved by one woman.

(Doctors, etc.), are proving to us that sex freedom does not bring happiness and (fulfillment) in life.

(Divorce) may sometimes be necessary, because of the (hardness of the people's heart).

But from the beginning it was not so and it is (less than) the ideal.



As a Pastor I always try to help wives and husbands to solve their problems, save their marriage and help their home. They do not need encouragement from me to break up, so I put my influence on the other side.

Marriage is music -- I speak of the ideal. I Cor. 7. Paul said defraud ye not each other. He is talking about the sex relationship -- by consent means Greek word synphonia from which we get our word symphony - marriage should be ~~consented~~ *a consented Symphony - music!*

Our Lord used that word twice -- (1) The agreement between the farmer and the laborers. There was harmony in it. (2) If two of you on earth shall agree as touching any one thing that they should ask and it shall be done unto them of my Father who is in heaven -- harmony, music in it.

The ideal is that the husband and wife will be so devoted to each other and mean so much to each other that the stars will sing together, the flowers will laugh in their beds, and the trees will clap their hands and every common bough will be afire with God.

Marriage is like the relationship between Christ and his church.

## ✓ II. The Problems

(Essay) contest on subject of marriage and the woman who won that contest wrote only one line -- she said -- ("Don't get me stirred up!")

Somebody said, I'm glad my wife joined women's lib -- Now she is down on all men and not just me!

Don't know how you feel about it -- but where the man and wife say we never have any friction, any problems, I suspect such people and it may be, but it must be dull to live with people like that.

It may be good now and then to explode.

A boy had a bad habit of hitting himself on the head with a hammer -- just hammer away on his head -- somebody said to him why do you do that? He said, it feels so good when I quit.

I think it is good for husband and wife to share their feelings and may be fuss a little provided they make up.

I heard of a couple who made an agreement that they would never go to sleep angry with each other -- and the man said they went for three months without getting any sleep.

There are some problems common to all marriages.

I want you to get it -- all of us are flesh and blood like other people and we are subject to the same frailty and temptations - we are less than honest if we do not admit that.

✓ 1. Money is a number one problem in marriage. There is a fiscal side to marriage.



They call her the better half -- what that means is -- he had better have money! For example on her Birthday - give her something you have made, for example -- money!

A man in older years wrote ("silver threads among the gold") and we know how beautifully he wrote about marriage. That song was a hit -- from it he gained fame and fortune. He could not stand it, in a little while his marriage had broken up. There are some problems at the point of marriage -- many men can not satisfy his wife's appetite to have and spend money! I am not trying to be unkind to the ladies. This is a fact.

✓ 2. Schedule is a problem.

Boy asks Mama where the candle went when it went out. She told him to ask Daddy because he was the one who was always going out!

Easy for wife to be resentful of the schedule, especially a Preacher. He is on call (24 hours a day). The people demand of him that he gives his time. He wants to do it and he often neglects his wife and family. This is critical. The wife can be emotional and even lose her mental balance.

These are hard facts. Wife works one shift, husband another, children have their own activities.

Once the son of a Baptist Preacher came home drunk -- everybody was discouraged and disgraced. The Pastor Father said, looking over his son, sprawled out on the floor -- "other vineyards have I tended, mine own I have not kept!"

Sad line - Thomas Carlyle - He neglected his wife - he was a genius.  
He worked hard, he was occupied.

One day she was taken from his home by death. He wrote these tragic lines -- "Oh, that I had Thee yet, for five minutes, by my side, and I would tell Thee all."

✓ 3. Problem of Profession - Job - Work.

Not know what she was marrying.

My wife (took me) for better or for worse but she might say but you are worse than I took you for.

Your husband's job is such that having friends and being normal is impossible.

Trouble of adjusting to the role of Preacher's wife, Doctor, Lawyer, etc.

She is a help mate and any wife ought to be.

If she is then how can she help.

I don't think a wife -- beautiful, intelligent -- she ought to compete with her husband.

✓ Pascall once said where he lived they had a saying. "She wears the breeches."



✓ A Preacher once used the word breeches in a sermon. When he got home his wife told him he ought not use such a word. He said, Honey, what did I say before I said breeches? She said, I don't know. What did I say after I said breeches? I don't remember. He said, Honey, if I hadn't said the word breeches, you would not have remembered a thing I said today.

Wife you are his helper - help him - support him. He needs you.

No wife should be boss.

No wife should be administrator.

The roll of the wife is personal.

Loving -- praying for him - bearing with him.

✓ 4. Children are a problem.

Husband and wife ought to agree about their children.

How to bring them up!

Get divided on that and you'll ruin some children.

We live in awful times.

Generation Gap magnified.

Old man came to Pastor and said you won't believe this. "My son told me to go to Hell".

Pastor reached over and patted him on the shoulder and said, don't worry

about that -- you don't have to go.

(Older people) are responsible for a lots of youth problems today.

(I was young once) and a young person will nearly always do everything he can get away with!

Your children are just like mine and I believe it is a (tragedy) for parents to be (scared to death) of their children.

Parents are going to have to (do different) if they are going to save them. They pamper them, pet them, (agree) to things we know will not work.

(I don't mean high handed, cruel) parenthood -- I really believe my children love me and I love them.

Parents had better agree in the home on how to bring that child up and if there is something wrong in the home, you had better get that thing right.

✓ 5. Problems of little things.

Have you and your wife fussed about something and in a few days you couldn't remember what it was about.

These little things, gets into our disposition and we don't know how to smile anymore or express our love.



✓ III. Trying To Solve the Problems

✓ A. Talk them out.

Katharine Marshall said she and her husband had problems but they had determination to solve those problems.

Need to work harder to solve your problems.

Divorce is the easy way out.

"Is there any one more than your wife that you entrust sacred things to." Socratees.

✗ B. Faith is great allie.

Fleshly love is transended by agape, Godly love.

Paul - "Love your wife as Christ loved his church."

Stay in there - don't give up.

Winston Churchill - went back to his school and delivered a famous address and it was only six words. "Never, never, never, never, give up!"

Let God's love lift you above any other thing. Love your wife as in her youth, when she gets sick, or has to have disfiguring operation.

Thomas Moore, was in foreign country. His wife was in an accident, which left her sadly disfigured. She became very afraid that when her

husband returned he would not love her anymore. A friend found out about her fears and communicated with Thomas Moore.

He wrote - "Believe me if all those endearing young charms, which I gaze on so fondly today, were changed by tomorrow, fled into my arms like fairy gifts, fading away, Thou still would be adored, as this moment Thou art. Let Thy loveliness fade as it will, and around the dear reins, each wish for my heart would entwine itself. Verdently still!"

Love unconditional.

Love, sacrificial.

What God hath joined together

What - not whom - what.

More is involved in the two of you,

What -- the children and the church, and the government and the community and business.

What God joins together -

Cicero said, "The Empire is at The Fireside".

SIN - puts Asunder -

- Let not man put asunder.

Faith will hold the Family Together -

Mother & Father Need 7 in God -

Every Member of Home - Needs 7 -

Young people you Need 7 -

Faith is Action - Doing something - Bible says By 7 Noah - - He Did Something!

am asking you to do something today - come forward & express 7 -