

# SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, February 16, 2020 - AM Service**  
SERMON TITLE: **Before Divorce Try Marriage**  
PREACHER: **PASTOR BRENT SNOOK**  
BIBLE TEXT: **Genesis 2:18-25**

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## 1. The Companionship of Marriage (Purpose)

Genesis 1:31 "And God saw every thing that he had made and behold, **it was very good.**"

God made Adam out of the dust of the earth.

He made Eve out of Adam's rib.

**God was there to meet the deep need that Adam had: COMPANIONSHIP**

Genesis 2:23-24

Friendship: the greatest companionship God has invented

## 2. The Cooperation of Marriage (Partnership)

Genesis 2:18

God gave Eve to Adam to make up that part Adam that was lacking.

She was to be his **completer – not his competitor.**

God's plan: cooperation, not competition

Hebrew word for woman "ISHAH"; Hebrew word for man "ISH"

The word for man comes from Arabic root: "exercise power"

The word for woman comes from the Arabic root: "to be soft"

God put masculinity in men; and femininity in women.

**God made us different that He might make us ONE.**

Genesis 2:15 – God made **man** to be the **provider**

Genesis 3:16 – God made **woman** to be the **encourager**

Man to be the **protector**; woman to be the **nurturer**

### 3. The Commitment of Marriage (Permanence)

“Commitment is the defining characteristic of a person’s life”

Our problem today is society’s philosophy:

The main idol is SELF

The main doctrine is AUTONOMY

The central act of worship is ENTERTAINMENT

Marriage is the **doing of God**.

Marriage is the **display of God**.

Genesis 2:24 “...cleave...” – **weld** or **glue**

The Bible says to cleave to your spouse – to glue yourself to her or to him

The greatest commitment in life: your commitment to Jesus

The 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commitment in life: your commitment to your spouse

The ultimate example of commitment and sacrifice: Jesus Christ

He could have turned away from the Cross, but He stayed on course

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