

# Title: Relationships Matter

**Thesis: God designed marriage to meet our need for companionship and to provide an illustration of our relationship with Him.**

## **God Designed Marriage (Gen.2:18)**

- God's declaration: "It is not good that man should be alone"
- What is a "Helper"
- "The Hebrew expression (kénégado) literally means 'according to the opposite of him.'" Eve was very specifically created to be what Adam wasn't. She was created to provide what he couldn't.

## **Applicability to Single Individuals (Matthew 19:10-12)**

- Jesus' teaching on singleness
- There are advantages to being single
- Singles can be fully devoted to God's purposes

## **The Power of the Tongue (Gen. 2:19-20)**

- Adam had the power to create using your tongue.
- The animals became what Adam named them
- Be careful what you create with your tongue

## **The Bride of Christ (Gen. 2:21-23)**

- Marriage is an earthly picture of the spiritual relationship that exists between Christ, The Spiritual Aspect of Marriage
- Just like He create Eve from Adam – God has create the church from Christ Jesus

## **Conclusion**

If you're single, and content to remain single, then God's Word to you is, Use your single state to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord and His work (1 Cor. 7:35). If you're single, but desire to be married, God's Word to you is, Be growing in godliness and purity and pray and look for a mate who is committed to do the same. Your lifelong relationship must be centered on God, so that it will reflect to the world a picture of Christ and the church. If you are married to an unbeliever, God's Word to you is to win your mate without a word by your godly character and behavior (1 Pet. 3:1-7).

If you're married, God's Word to you is, Are you growing deeper in companionship with your mate? Is your marriage growing in the way it reflects Christ and the church to this selfish, pleasure-seeking, lost world? By God's grace and your commitment, you can have a marriage that both honors Him and meets your needs.