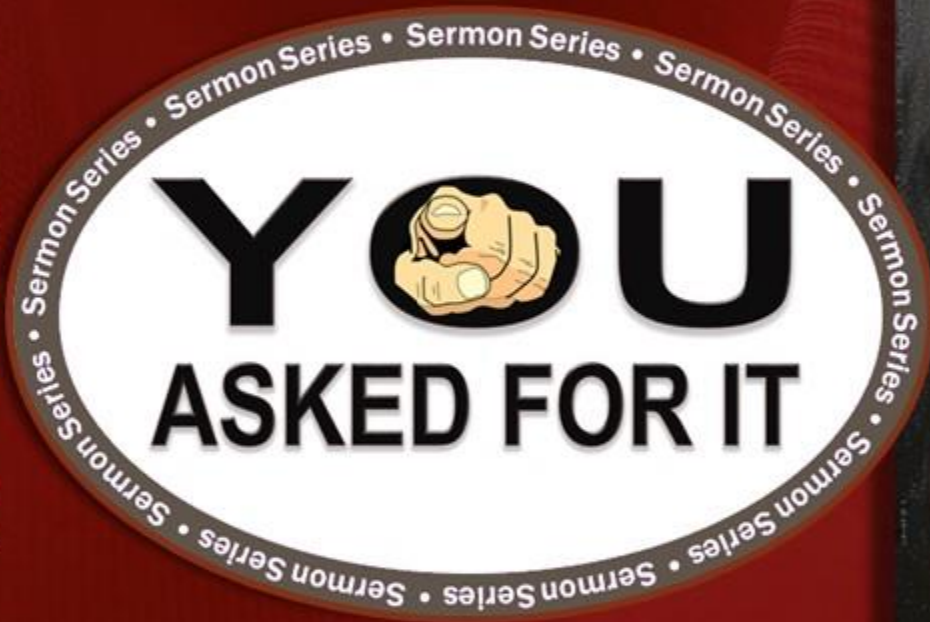


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## "Marriage/ Family"

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CULTURE Traditional marriage has fallen out of favor. Our culture views marriage as acceptable but not mandated in order to live lives as a couple and/or have children together.

*Genesis 2:24 NIV For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

CREATION God the Creator does not concur with this cultural shift or its altered definition of marriage. His plan (explained in the Bible looks like this:

- marriage (public commitment) **proceeds** from the attraction of male/female to one another (*Gen. 2:24*).

- marriage **precedes** the sexual union that produces children (*Gen. 2:24, 1 Cor. 7:2-4, 9*).

- marriage **concedes** all competing loyalties to the exclusive, permanent partnership (*1 Cor. 7:10-14, 39; Mt. 19:3-9; Ex. 20:14*)

COMBINATIONS Actual human living produces all sorts of variations from God's ideal. Death. Divorce. Remarriage. Step siblings together. Full siblings split. Etc. FAMILY is a challenging dynamic, but it cannot be avoided because children MUST HAVE protection, direction, connection, correction, and affection. (*Prov. 22:6, Mt. 18:5-6, 1 Tim. 5:8*). How can we make it work?



1. Realize that no situation is impossible.  
With **prayer** and **care** any family can be an instrument of stability and support for parents **and** children (*1 Tim. 3:4-5, Prov. 11:19*).



2. Parents must **PARENT** (*Eph. 6:4*).

3. Communication must be **considerate**  
(*Prov. 15:1, 18:2, 13; 29:11, Col. 4:6,*  
*Jm. 1:19*)

4. Forgiveness must be **deliberate**.  
*(Mt. 5:23-24, Col. 3:13-14).*