



Called to Love

Week Two: A Sacred (and Evolving) Institution – How we arrived at our current understanding of marriage.

Maybe you have seen a bumper sticker that looks something like this....



Biblical Marriage = MAN + WOMAN
**- the only marriage covenant
that our Creator will bless.**



LOST AT SEA

"The Lord works in mysterious ways."

"Be in the world, but not of the world."

"This too shall pass."

"God will not give you more than you can handle."

Which one is in the Bible???



At weddings we tend to read these verses...

But...are they about marriage?



- 1 Corinthians 13
- Ruth 1:16
- Genesis 2:24 (and Matthew 19:5 and Mark 10:8)
- Ephesians 5:22-23

The Biblical Understanding(s) of Marriage

- What does the text teach about “Biblical marriage”?
Deut. 7:3-4
2 Cor. 6:14
- Do we/should we still follow the teaching? Why or why not?
1 Cor. 7:8-9
Matthew 2:18-19
- What does it tell us about the world of the Bible?
Deut. 22:28-30
Luke 16:18
- What does it teach us about our world?
Hebrews 13:4

Protestant and United Methodist Understanding of Marriage

Marriage is COVENANTAL



“We affirm the sanctity of the marriage covenant that is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment, and shared fidelity.”

*-United Methodist Social Principles,
The Nurturing Community*

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Marriage is UNITIVE

“The marriage of [two persons] unites their families and creates a new one.”

-United Methodist Wedding Liturgy

Protestant and United Methodist
Understanding of Marriage

Marriage is PROCREATIVE



“God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’”

- Genesis 1:28

A misty, blue-toned landscape of a lake and mountains. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the fog. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the surrounding environment. The mountains in the background are partially obscured by the mist, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and teal, with some lighter, almost white, areas where the mist is thicker.

Questions, comments, discussion.