Sermon Based Questions

***"That Ship Has NOT Sailed: Marriage"* – Nathan Blais**
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Marriage is one of the most significant relationships God has designed and it reflects His covenant love for us, faithfullness, and sacrifice. While our modern culture often treats marriage as temporary or transactional, God invites us to pursue something that is permanent and rooted in sacrifice. Whether single, married, or somewhere in between, understanding God's design for marriage helps us see His heart for all our relationships.

Share

1. Share the funniest moment you can remember from a wedding (yours or one you attended)?

Discuss

2. What stood out to you or challenged you most from the message this week?
3. Read **Ephesians 5:1-2.** This passage sets up a Biblical framework for all our relationships. In verses **25–33** Paul expands this analogy to **husbands**. What do these texts reveal about **love as *sacrifice*** rather than a *50/50 exchange*?
4. The sermon contrasted cultural marriage with biblical marriage. Culture says: Find the right one, establish a partnership, marriage under law, foundation of self. The Bible says: Be the right one, establish a covenant, marriage under God, foundation of sacrifice. Do you agree, disagree with these lists? What do you see in our culture?

Reflect

6. How can we extend grace rather than judgement when we (or others) fail to meet God's standard? Is it possible to hold the standard high without being judgemental? What does this look like?
7. The message listed six purposes of marriage: **connection**, **multiplication**, **nurturing children**, **character formation**, **building society**, and **reflecting Christ's love.** Did any of these stand out to you? Why?

Apply

8. From the panel: *humility, fighting fair, staying connected, seeking godly counsel, knowing each other's wiring, walking with Jesus.* Which one will you focus on this week?