

STAY OUT OF THE GROUP CHAT

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*Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

In this scripture is God's pattern for His people to multiply. God uses marriage and family. The reason God is giving you a LOVE story because He is building something with you

to *leave* {yaazab} = to let go, to abandon, to forsake

That means you have to separate from your mother and father

but *YOUR PRIMARY ALLEGIANCE HAS TO SHIFT that you will cleave to someone else.*

In a healthy family life we raise children and then they will cleave to someone else.

cleave in Hebrew: to stay closely, to be joined to someone.

When you cleave you're putting your connection to this person.

CLEAVING TO ONE ANOTHER IS A CHOICE YOU HAVE TO MAKE

The relationship with God always comes first.

After God your relationship with your spouse comes next.

You shall become one flesh, *one kin*. You become a family that is separate from the family you came from. You become a *completely new family unit*.

Hebrew uses the picture of a house. It's not just a structure but also everyone who lives in the house and the economy of the house.

God saying, When you cleave to your spouse, you build a complete new house. God wants you to have a house that would grow.

The idea is we're **BUILDING HOUSES**. Getting married is a building project.

The foundation of the House should be Jesus.

We need **WALLS**. Walls are boundaries to keep the outside outside and the inside inside.

Walls give some privacy inside.

Building the boundaries that is your job—as husband and wife.

► Because God gave us a free will, we get to decide what that home or family looks like.

The Bible gives us the principles and the ways of God, and then he trust us.

God says, I have given authority to do this.

The House has a **DOOR** — otherwise it is a prison.

And a house needs a **ROOF**—covers, gives stability...

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Word "bear" in Greek is *cover and protect, it literally means roof*.

Love is meant to be the roof over your house.

It's God's purpose for you to be married.

God's plan for you is to have children.

That house will have **WALLS**.

► *When we build this house we will become WHO GOD MEANT US TO BE*

We live in a world that has an enemy that does not want strong families and houses..

And we live in a world that is messy. Life is never being perfect because we're human.

Proverbs 14:1

The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

➡ You can build your house or tear your house down.

Often we ourselves are our greatest enemy.

YOU ARE BUILDING A HOUSE

Houses need WALLS and *husband and wife decide how we make BOUNDARIES*.

If there is a hole in the wall, the wall is breached and you are at risk.

When you breach your wall, you uncover something that should be covered.

Genesis 9:20-23 NLT After the flood, Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. 21 One day he drank some wine he had made, and he became drunk and lay naked inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers. 23 Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked.

There is a principle in here.

Genesis 9:24-25 NLT When Noah woke up from his stupor, he learned what Ham, his youngest son, had done. 25 Then he cursed Canaan, the son of Ham:
"May Canaan be cursed! May he be the lowest of servants to his relatives."

Here is Noah, a good guy. And he gets drunk one day. And he is in his tent uncovered. His son Ham comes in and broadcasts it to his brothers.

He goes to the ↗ GROUP CHAT

= *Going outside the house and broadcasting something that's happening in the house.*

The other brothers honor their father and cover him.

We are all human beings that will mess up at some time.

Going outside will bring division between you and your spouse.

When you go to the Group Chat, you make a hole in the wall, inviting others to look into your house. These people cannot un-see what they have seen. And they form opinion. They pick up second-hand offences. And your relationship will be defiled because of their offences.

You moved on and are healed— they have not...

When we're in difficulties in our marriage and family life, we are going to be naked at times. We need it to stay in the place where it is.

STAY OUT OF THE GROUP CHAT

What should you do? — You should talk to one another. Let's talk it through.

The greatest thing to learn in life is to communicate.

We have to keep building.

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them { your wife} with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

That means for men, **figure your wife out**, what she needs. Listen to her, even if you can't hold track. There is wisdom in what Pastor Faisal said last week.

DWELL WITH YOUR YOUR WIFE WITH UNDERSTANDING

That means: Figure your wife out. Take time to understand her fears. Take time to understand what's important to her, what she needs in life.—I don't think we are so complicated as Woman will respond to someone who wants to know them. We are not as complicated as told out there. We do need, we will respond to somebody who will take the time to get to know what we really feel and think about things. And we want it to be our husband. We want him to care enough to put aside whatever he thinks about everything to say, "what do you think? I want to know you." Because women, we are

made to be known that way. We like to talk about stuff. We do. And you know what? We actually like to talk to our husband about it. But oftentimes we don't. And here is the danger. If we are not finding that place to be able to talk to our spouse, we're going to go outside and talk to somebody else—a girlfriend, a co-worker...

And here is the danger, ladies: *If you are talking more to somebody else about your marriage, or they know more about your marriage than you talk to your husband about, then you're in a dangerous area.* Because we are beginning to cleave to someone else, and be connected emotionally to somebody else, more than we should be to our husband. That's where we cleave—emotionally, everything's got to be there. Because we are to CLEAVE to our HUSBAND. Because that's how affairs start. Women are often having affairs because they are talking to somebody else deeply and intimately, and there is a cleaving and a connection that may not be sexual but it is a betrayal of your covenant relationship. That can or cannot go into becoming a sexual affair, it doesn't have to. But the issue is, you are not emotionally connected and cleaving to your husband, you're cleaving to somebody else.

Ladies, we have to be on guard against this.

It is a strategy the enemy will use against us. We should not have conversations particularly about our husbands and our covenant relationships with friends that we're not having with our husband. *Ladies, your covenant relationship with your husband is with your husband.* He's got to be able to trust your heart. If he shares things with you, and you're telling your mother, your best friend about them, his heart is not safe with you. And he will stop talking to you.—And then we complain, "My husband doesn't talk to me. He's doing this all the time."... Well, he can't trust you.

We have to be on guard against these things.—And if you realize you're doing that, stop immediately and come back to your spouse and say, "I'm sorry, I have done this. I made a mistake. I don't want to do that."—It's not that you can't talk anything about your marriage. You can talk about it as long as your husband knows. And if there are issues between you, then the two of you decide, "Let's go talk about this with somebody. Let's you and I decide how we together can trust to talk to us and help us through this thing." Because you will need people to help you in your marriage, in your family. We don't have all the answers, *we all need help. And we all need accountability.* And you'll have to decide in your marriage who and what is that going to be.

So we have to be careful about the GROUP CHATS we're in. Because we don't want to cleave to people we shouldn't be cleaving to. We don't want to receive our *emotional support* from a place we shouldn't be receiving it from. Because that's going to bring a division in your marriage. And we want to have STRONG MARRIAGES. Because that's what GOD wants for you. The Lord wants to help us today, saying, *Let's not tear down our own house.* Be aware of those things. Because if we do, we're tearing down our own house.

Other way your WALLS GET BROKEN DOWN—WHEN YOU DIDN'T LEAVE CORRECTLY

When we marry, we have to leave.

We can't be running back to your mother all the time. No, you're married now! Figure it out!

We have to leave and FORM our OWN FAMILY.

Ladies, your mother is not the person you're going to talk to all the time. It is not healthy.

I understand that mums can help us but **when you're going through stuff, go to your husband.**

You have to do this together. And if you can't figure it out together, look where you can get help. We're doing it TOGETHER.

Pastor said it last week, "Women are not meant to mother their husbands."

Women, we are not meant to be our husband's mothers.

We're not called to be our husband's mothers.

And I want to say, Men, don't be children.

Don't expect us to pick up after you as your mother did.

And don't compare us to your mother all the time: "My mother cooks that much better. My mother would have arranged this like this..." *Well, you didn't marry your mother. You married moi!*—And *moi does not look like your mother.*"

That's why, guys, when you first get married, it is thunder and lightning. It is two houses crashing together. Both of you think in different ways how the house is going to look like. And it's a mess. Because it's a fight. because there are things you never thought about, things you did differently.

You thought the whole world does life the way you do life.

YOU LEFT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER TO BUILD A NEW HOUSE.

Parents, let your children go when it's their time to go.

Honor your parents. *But make sure that ..*

➡ *the people who sit on the throne in YOUR HOUSE are YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE.*

There is a DOOR at the house.

As a couple you will need a door on your house.

You need to decide as a couple who are you going to give authority to speak into your house.

You have to decide together.

VOICES coming into our house without us ever realizing that we invited them into our house.

And they are actually speaking into your marriage, and speaking into how you parent and how you live your life and you don't even realize that you're listening to them.

What media are you watching?—Who are you following on instagram?

The shows you let into your house will impact your house.

Those are voices you are taking on board.

Because you identify with something, you follow this person—without ever realising.

Together you are building a house.

We got to get on the same page because we're building a house.

The conversation of your house should stay in the house.

TALK FIRST INSIDE.

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when it comes to your COVENANT RELATIONSHIP and your HOUSE.

Because God has us LEAVING and CLEAVING

👉 so that we can be ONE FLESH

👉 so that we can BUILD A HOUSE

👉 that you can MULTIPLY and we can FILL THE EARTH

👉 and HAVE DOMINION

👉 and SEE HIS KINGDOM COME

If you are single/single parent, Jesus is your husband.

He is the covering over your house. He will help you.

He will be there for you.

PRAYER

"It's not by might, it's not by power. It's by His spirit..." Zechariah, 4:6.