

MOVING TOWARD ONENESS

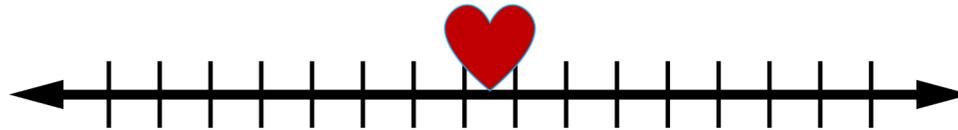
Marriage Retreat 2026



Coastline Fellowship Church

**No marriage remains
motionless.**

Isolation



Oneness

**You are either drifting toward
isolation or moving toward
oneness.**

The Bible, our Creator's manual for marriage, starts with a marriage in Genesis—middle Book in the Bible is Song of Solomon is a about a marriage. This book is a collection of Jewish poems by Solomon-**One of the basic themes of Song of Solomon, is the uniting of the poems in an intense desire the couple has for each other, expressed through their constant and intentional "seeking" and "finding" each other.** This is also a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ and the Church.

The Bible ends in Revelation with that great Marriage in Heaven!

AI misinformation:

Marriage originated from ancient, often contractual, family agreements in **Mesopotamia around 2350 B.C.**, focused on alliances, property, and heirs, evolving from prehistoric pair bonds for survival into formalized institutions in Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China, with love-based marriage being a much later development. It's a near-universal human concept, serving social, economic, and cultural needs across diverse civilizations.



Genesis 2:24 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

In the first two chapters of the Bible, we see **four purposes for God's design for marriage**...maybe if we let our dreams and expectations for our **marriage mirror God's purpose** we could then experience what our hearts long for...**oneness**.

**God's primary goal for your
marriage is not happiness
but Holiness.**

If “two become one flesh” as
the Lord spoke in
Genesis 2:24
then there is no longer room
for YOU.

If you want a marriage where God's love within you for your spouse that awakens your passion, deepens your commitment, strengthens your bond and unites your hearts--pursue the Lord daily individually and **together.**

Holiness moves us towards each other.

Let's pursue holiness in our marriages, not happiness.

Happiness will follow.



**To display God's glory and
Oneness to those around us.**



Genesis 1:

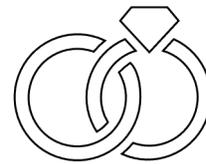
²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (Who is the us with God?)

John 17:22-23

²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may **be one** even **as we are one,**

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become **perfectly one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Oneness can only happen
when we understand our
spouse was created by God to
compliment us.



As God exists in a holy relationship (Trinity), humans, made in the image of God, were created for, and thrive in, community, not **isolation**. Marriage is designed to reflect who God is and how He wants us to move towards oneness.

John 4:12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



A Model that God is
a promise keeper.

God created marriage to
thrive in a **covenant**
relationship -not a
contractual relationship.



Pursue lifelong companionship.

